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It's payback time for MK councillors

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE

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COUNCILLORS are being forced to repay money after being overpaid nearly £25,000 in expenses.

Some will have to pay back nearly £600 after the administrative error meant that 54 councillors were wrongly paid £24,450 of public money between April 2004 and December 2009.

The politicians were oblivious they were being given an extra £8.66 a month on top of their annual £9,663 basic allowance.

It is unclear exactly how the money will be recouped, particularly from the 24 people who have since left the council.

But leader Sam Crooks, himself hit with a bill for £598, has confirmed they will not pursue the estate of one councillor who has died.

Six of the ten Labour councillors owe the full £598.

Party leader Norman Miles said: "It's outrageous. For councillors who have no other work, or are on benefits or a pension, this is a huge amount to pay back. Of course we will do our utmost to repay, but this is a cock up of monumental proportions. It begs the question, what other little things like this are lurking in the system? We're angry because we do try and do a good job and this, coming after the Parliamentary expenses scandal, which is completely different, looks like we're trying to screw the system."

Members paid too much since April 2004

Conservative leader Cllr Andrew Geary is concerned those retiring from the council will be forced to pay a lump sum.

Seven people in his group owe the maximum amount, and while some can have the repayments docked from future allowances, he fears those stepping down will have to pay a lump sum.

He said: "If they cocked up on this, how many other cock ups are there? This is basic negligence. Of course we will pay it back.

What concerns me more is that the public, with a low perception of politicians, are going to say councillors have got their snouts in the trough."

The mistake happened after a tax-free payment of £8.66 per month was agreed to cover the use of councillors' homes for office purposes.

Up until April 2004 this tax-free part was paid within the overall basic allowances, but when allowances were revised it was decided to pay the tax free allowance of £8.66 separately. However, an administrative error meant the revised allowance still included the £8.66, resulting in a double payment.

Cllr Liz Campbell also owes the maximum amount.

She said: "I wasn't very happy when I found out. I have young children, it's just after Christmas and I'm certainly not one of the richer councillors."

Cllr Crooks said: "Some people will be able to write out a cheque immediately. Some people will say 'give me two or three months'. Some people will say I can pay that within a year. We have to be sensitive about that. The principle is that this is public money and it doesn't become our money if we've been paid incorrectly."

Up and away at centre:mk

Basketball arrived at Middleton Hall in spectacular fashion last night with an MK Lions star grabbing a different kind of basket at the shopping centre. Guy Dupuy is a YouTube sensation thanks to his reputation as the 'best dunker on the planet'. And he proved it last night by jumping over a motorbike for a famous slam dunk.

VIDEO

For more on last night's inaugural game at the-centre:mk see back page. Watch a video clip of the slam-dunk jump at **www.mk-news.co.uk**

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Children from Loughton Manor First School enjoy the snow as the school stayed open during the big freeze

Ofsted figures are factor in schools' closure decisions

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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HEADTEACHERS who keep their schools open despite the weather are having to jeopardise their attendance figures.

Just six of the city's 112 schools opened on Wednesday after heavy snowfall.

Some of their headteachers admitted that the impact on attendance – a factor Ofsted takes into account when rating schools – is a concern.

Cabinet member for children's services, Cllr Sandra Clark, has called for change since it is better for schools' statistics if they close altogether.

Elizabeth Bancroft, Loughton Manor First School headteacher, said: "Attendance figures can be a problem. Last year we stayed open and it hiked up our absence figures. It is one thing that worries headteachers."

However, the school opened in order to allow parents to get to work and children to learn about the science of snow. Our philosophy was to do with making sure we stayed open because some of our parents are key workers.

"We carried on lessons as normal but also allowed extra time for playing in the snow, building snowmen – it's not been our normal curriculum."

Headteacher Sandra Lewis, who kept Russell Street School's gates open, said: "Because we are in Stony Stratford, half our staff walk in. It's been great. The children have had a lovely time. The only problem is that attendance is affected because lots of children don't come in which affects our statistics."

Cllr Clark said: "Schools' attendance figures are hit if they stay open because fewer children turn up when it's snowing. For some schools it might be a benefit for them to totally close rather than partially open. It's something the Government needs to address. Ofsted should go on more than attendance figures. I suspect they will take an overall view which is a bit worrying."

An Ofsted spokesman said: "Inspectors make judgements on actual attendance and the work schools do to reduce absence. If there are concerns about attendance, inspectors will explore the reasons with the senior managers of the school."

New guidelines for hospital staff after 'white only' maternity nurses demand

MK Hospital has concluded its investigation into a patient's request that ethnic staff did not deliver her baby.

The woman, who is not from the city, is said to have demanded white staff for the birth, as MK NEWS revealed back in October.

It was reported to the Equality and Human Rights Commission after staff complained that the request was partly accommodated.

After completing its internal investigation, Milton Keynes Hospital found that discriminatory demands were made.

However, they say staff made the best judgements they could at the time. As a result, staff are to be provided with clearer guidance for future incidents, as part of an action plan.

Leaflets and posters in the hospital will let patients know that discriminatory behaviour or demands are not tolerated.

A working group has been formed to oversee the implementation of the plan.

A hospital spokesman said: "Following an internal investigation into this incident, Milton Keynes Hospital concluded that discriminatory demands were made by a patient in a situation where the wellbeing of mother and baby posed serious clinical and welfare considerations.

"The investigation also found that the staff concerned made the best professional judgements that they could at the time, in a situation where broad guidance was available to staff."

The hospital says it is seeking advice from other bodies, and therefore will not release the report at this stage.

Man racially abused in early morning attack by gang of three

A MAN has been attacked and racially abused by a gang of three men.

The incident happened at about 6.10am last Sunday morning as the victim was walking over the bridge towards Fishermead in Pencarrow Place.

He was approached by three white men and asked if he had a light. He replied no and was attacked by the men, who punched and kicked him on the ground. During the assault one of the offenders used racially abusive language.

The victim was taken to MK Hospital where he received treatment and was later released.

If you have any information call police on 0845 8 505 505.

Unexpected stop for number 29

THIS bus fell victim to the icy conditions.

The number 29 service skidded off the road at a corner in Shenley Church End into a garden wall and a lamp post at around 9.45am yesterday.

The house owner, hairdresser Tracy Hemmings, whose parked car was damaged in the crash, said: "I was upstairs in the bedroom getting ready for work. I heard a massive bang and there were vibrations through the house. There were two passengers in the bus so I went to make sure they were OK. One got taken to hospital as she had injured her knee. The bus driver came over and apologised to me."

She added: "The road has been really bad. The next-door neighbour saw a car spin there this morning. It should have been gritted – especially as it is a bus route."

A spokesman for bus company Arriva said: "We can confirm that a bus on service 29 collided with a garden wall after skidding on some black ice on Engaine Drive.

"One passenger suffered a minor injury and the police attended the scene."

A spokesman for MK Council said: "We are sorry to hear about this accident. Like the rest of the country we have had to prioritise grit supplies and have not been able to do the estate roads recently."

Teenager tells of redway sex attack

BY LAURA HANNAM
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A COURT has heard of the ordeal of a teenage girl who was thrown into a ditch and sexually assaulted.

The jury in the trial of Robert Horne, who is accused of carrying out a series of sexual attacks on women on the city's redways, heard evidence from a 16-year-old alleged victim.

Mr Horne, 26, from Garbo Close, Crownhill is charged with attempted rape and other sexual offences in relation to attacks on three separate women in spring last year.

The teenager, who gave evidence from behind a screen at Huntingdon Crown Court on Monday, was walking along Railway Walk near Great Linford at around 10pm on June 5 last year when she was grabbed from behind by a man and thrown down an embankment.

The man sexually assaulted her during an 11-minute attack and stole £60 cash.

In a video-recorded police interview played to the court, the victim, who was aged 15 at the time of the incident, described how a man ran up behind her and put both his hands over her mouth.

She said: "He grabbed me and pushed me to the floor. Then he threw me down into a ditch.

"He lost his footing and we both tumbled down into the ditch.

"I turned my head towards him but he pushed my face away and said 'don't look at me'."

"I screamed and he put his hands around my mouth and told me if I carried on screaming he would strangle me to death."

The offender ordered the girl to take her clothing off and sexually assaulted her for several minutes.

He then told her to walk across a field while he made his escape.

Shortly before the offence, the victim described how she had seen a group of three boys and a girl on the redway near the Bradville underpass.

She said one of the boys, who was on a moped, rode past staring at her.

She believed he was aged around 18, was wearing a baseball cap and had a lot of facial hair.

The group dispersed but the victim said the boy walked past her again 15 minutes later and gave her an 'evil glance'.

Shortly before the attack she saw him walking behind her while she was talking on her phone.

Earlier in the trial the court heard evidence from two other alleged victims.

A 50-year-old woman said she was attacked on May 27 while walking on the redway near to the Mount Farm roundabout in Bletchley and dragged into nearby bushes.

The man attempted to rape her, sexually assaulted her and stole her handbag.

He also hit her over the face and head several times and threatened that he would get his knife out if she continued screaming.

A 30-year-old woman said she was sexually assaulted on May 2, after a man grabbed her while she was walking towards the city centre, shortly after 5am, on the redway that runs parallel with the V7 Saxon Street near Bradville and pulled her into bushes.

The trial continues.

Ex-Slated Row pupil found dead in bedroom

A FORMER Slated Row pupil has died aged 21.

Karl Saville died at his home where he lived with his parents in Arncliffe Drive, Heelands on Sunday, December 27.

An inquest, opened on Thursday, heard that he suffered from severe epileptic seizures and asthma.

His father found him unresponsive in his bedroom when he went to wake him at 10.30am.

He was confirmed dead by paramedics.

Police have confirmed there are no suspicious circumstances.

The inquest was adjourned until April 27 to await post-mortem results.

Karl, who had learning difficulties, was a pupil at Slated Row school from the age of three to 19.

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Patchy gritting policy causes problems

SIR – I think the gritting has been pretty good this year, all the V and H roads I've been on are fine.

I have never seen a gritter on local or estate roads though and I live on a bus route which you'd expect to be one of the first local roads to be done.

I still feel that MK needs to do something about the redway system, it just gets left every year and is very dangerous.

Andy
Sent by e-mail

■ SIR – After moving to MK from North Yorkshire last July we were suprised and pleased how quickly it is (was) to access all parts of the town(city), but now it's all ground to a halt(crawl).

With the heavy show I expected delays to traffic but after three days it's still terrible with no apparent attempt to grit even the grid roads.

Bletcham Way is still only one lane bus service.

A 90-minute wait still no bus ... in a town built around easy, quick transit why do people not expect better?

Peter Dunning
Sent by e-mail

■ SIR – Over the last two weeks I have watched lots of gritters going through all the car parks of Milton Keynes wasting the grit uneccessarily.

Now when the snow has fallen we face almost undrivable main roads to the city centre.

This was clearly a mistake by our council. Why decide to grit all the car parks of MK so when we do get snow there is none left for the main roads?

Can anyone from the council answer?

Jamie Woolward
Sent by e-mail

Carry on snapping

SIR – I was very pleased to see MK NEWS photographer Andy Handley's successful fight against the police after they wrongfully arrested him when he was quite legally taking photographs.

It is not just journalists who are free to take photographs in a public place – anyone is, despite what the police, security guards and even members of the public tell you.

The police, especially, have been misusing their powers across the country for some years now against photographers and will often wrongly use legislation designed to prevent terrorism

The 9/11 bombers, the London Tube bombers and even the IRA did not use photography before they acted, to name but three.

Meanwhile photographers have been stopped from taking photographs of Christmas lights, and famous buildings that you can buy as postcards.

There seems to be a paranoid belief nowadays that anyone with a camera is 'up to something'.

This is nonsense. If this goes on, then in years to come there will be no old photographs of ordinary life in the streets, like the old pictures of life in the 60s and 70s that many of us delight in now.

Roger Bradbury
Sent by e-mail

Never mind the weather – MK NEWS delivers!

SIR – I was stuck at home on Wednesday afternoon – 'snowed in' – schools were closed, no postman had been, many people didn't make it into work, etc.

I heard the letterbox go and was amazed to see my copy of MK NEWS had been delivered, please pass on my thanks to the paperboy/girl who delivers to Emerson Valley (Cropton Rise) – they really went the extra mile traipsing through the snow to ensure that the MK NEWS was delivered.
Name and address supplied

Alternative panto family fun? Oh, no it's not

SIR – I decided, for a change, to take my family to see what I thought would be an alternative to the traditional pantomine.

I must have been watching a different show to that which David Gale described in MK NEWS last week as it was a complete waste of time going.

There was no atmosphere, no real music and certainly no value for money.

Although I was surprised by the use of the limited props, I was not impressed as to the suitability for a first time experience for family entertainment.

We decided to cut our losses at the interval and make our way home, as did some other members of the audience.

I hasten to add that I will not be taking my family to the Stables again for what was described as being suitable for children aged seven and over.

Martyn Robinson
Blackmoor Gate, Furzton

Reward for waste

SIR – I couldn't decide whether to laugh or cry at the letter from Cllr Sam Crooks in last week's MK NEWS.

So, Cllr Crooks reckons efficiencies alone can resolve the council's appalling financial position.

Perhaps he'll start paying to park his car, or maybe he'll ration toilet paper to five sheets per visit?

In reality, the council employs many people who are surplus to requirements and it will provide services that are either unrequired or can be outsourced.

Every large organisation – private or public – is brimming with waste, and MK Council is no different.

Nationally, Gordon Brown ran up a huge national deficit and was rewarded with the top job.

Locally, Cllr Sam Crooks spent years in charge of finance, ruined the council's finances and was rewarded with the top job.

It's time for change.

John Baker
Woughton

■ SIR – If anyody is in any doubt as to why the council has problems with its budget they should refer to the vacancies advertised on page 55 of your current issue.

In particular the 'Performance and Information Manager' which has a job description that is a masterpiece of the meaningless jargon and incomprehensible, cliche-ridden drivel that has grown to infest public and political life.

The salary for this nebulous position is a paltry £49k.

Other equally superfluous positions seem to be available at equally inflated salaries.

Rob Watson
Neath Hill

Pleased commuter

SIR – In response to your article relating to London Midland's decision to change the time restrictions on cheap day tickets.

As a commuter this is the first time I would like to support a decision made by London Midland.

An annual season ticket can cost in the region of £3,848 (not including the charge for parking per day) and during the morning we have the option of a number of fast trains to London.

However the number of trains returning to MK in the evening peak time is reduced significantly because of the restrictions imposed by Virgin that MK commuters cannot travel on their trains between 4 and 7pm.

Heading home on London Midland in the evening during the school holidays is horrendous and we all, as commuters, notice how significantly busier the trains become and it is impossible to get a seat.

It is quite clear that the additional passengers are families who have taken a day trip to London on the cheap day ticket.

If commuters have to deal with restrictions on their travel why shouldn't those who obtain a cheap day ticket?

C Henesy
Walnut Tree

Stop smoking blog

SIR – Stopping smoking is not a bad idea.

It is understandable that someone can be annoyed by second-hand smoke and the health effects on the user are staggering.

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Fred, USA
Sent by e-mail

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City status bid for Diamond Jubilee

World Cup host city success prompts new attempt to shake off 'new town' tag

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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MILTON Keynes will once more make a bid to become a city.

Last week, Lord Mandelson unveiled plans for a nationwide competition for city status to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

Following failed attempts in 2000 and 2002, council leader Sam Crooks is adamant Milton Keynes should be rewarded with the title.

He said: "We can't have the situation where 14 cities and one town are named host cities for the World Cup. It's what we believe we are. The reality is that in 20 years' time we will be one of the top ten cities in the country."

Back in October 2007, MK NEWS wrote the Queen an open letter on behalf of the people of Milton Keynes calling on her to finally grant us city status.

The competition will be launched later this year, Lord Mandelson told the House of Lords.

Wrexham and Perth have already shown their interest.

Meanwhile Mark Lancaster MP is set to put pressure in Parliament by tabling an Early Day Motion to gather support for the move.

Cllr Crooks is forming a team that will prepare the bid, including businessman Gavin Anderson.

He said: "The reason it's so important for Milton Keynes is because it recognises what we have actually achieved as being a new town.

"If you compare us to other new towns, they have drugs problems, they need regeneration.

"Here we are a success story, integrating a quarter of a million strangers over 40 years, where the only thing we have in common is the place we live. Being a city will be good for businesses as well as civic pride."

Milestones, such as royal anniversaries, trigger the creation of a city by the Queen.

Hip-hop dancer tipped for top

A HIP-HOP dancer has been tipped for the top in a BBC primetime competition.

Mark Calape, 24, from Bletchley, is among the final 12 performers competing in So You Think You Can Dance?

The former Lord Grey pupil, who still lives in the city with his partner Lally and one-year-old son Emiko, already triumphed in the BBC Three series Move Like Michael Jackson.

On Saturday night he wowed the judges, who include choreographer Arlene Phillilps, with a 'lyrical hip hop' routine after which he and partner Lizzie were likened to Fred Astaire and Judy Garland.

Working since the age of five, when he performed in Miss Saigon, he went on to tutor some members of Nemesis, who made it to the final rounds of Britain's Got Talent in 2008.

He said: "I've danced since I can remember. My mum and dad are dancers. So when I was young it came as natural to me as walking."

A professional skateboarder who learnt his craft at Milton Keynes Bus Station, he switched to dancing when he was 16.

He has since appeared in music videos for J Shaun, All Saints and the Sugababes and performed in the West End last year in Into The Hoods, as well as at Nelson Mandela's 90th birthday celebrations.

Winning this competition would give him £100,000 and a chance to work in Hollywood.

He added: "If I won it would mean I can make my own army as it were. I would love to open my own dance school."

Mark Calape is down to the last dozen competing in So You Think You Can Dance

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Men with true grit and determination

Reporter JESSICA CUNNIFFE found out about the people working around the clock, whatever the weather, to keep the city's roads clear

MK Council's highways operations manager Mark Bowater

WHEN people ask Mark Bowater how work is going, he has more right than anyone else to say he is snowed under.

This man and his team are the people you can thank, or blame, for allowing you to drive into work during the wintriest conditions in decades.

As Milton Keynes Council's highways operations manager, he monitors the weather on a screen where the redder the clouds hovering over the British Isles, the heavier the snow that is expected.

"At the moment it's snowing heavily from Peterborough into The Wash," he said on Friday.

"It's quite nasty in Market Harborough. That will be with us in a couple of hours time."

These weather reports determine whether the 50-strong team does an evening run, a morning run, or not at all.

It is decided that from 7pm another 90 tonnes will be poured on 11 routes.

"Tonight we are looking at the air temperature being 3.5 degrees, but the road temperature will be much less, about seven degrees."

The talking point for the gritters, as much as the residents, is the national shortage of salt.

At the moment Milton Keynes has 2,200 tonnes of salt on order.

If it does not turn up they will have to start further restricting the roads that get the grit.

"The stock does to a degree affect where we grit. When we use another 90 tonnes later we will be concerned because that will be bringing our little pile down even more. We've got to make that last the weekend.

"If we could put 1,000 tonnes down we could do a better job. We have been doing the main roads around the estates. We will continue to do so unless we get significant snow. Have we got enough? If weather continues as is it then yes. If we get significant snowfall I will be concerned."

As the snow continues to fall, so the complaints continue to flood in to the council.

This can be frustrating for the drivers who do 12-hour shifts and crews who work for 20 hours.

"Some of the guys do 36-hour shifts. I had three hours' sleep between shifts. So when people say 'I haven't seen a gritter' it's very frustrating. I understand people's frustrations not being able to get about. But what causes offence is when they say there's been no grit. I say to people come and join me at 4am."

Half of the team are council highways staff, half are externally recruited.

Tree fellers, landscape gardeners, builders and lorry drivers are some of the professionals temporarily recruited since their day duties dry up as the snow falls.

Residents can also hinder the work done by the gritters.

"One of the problems is on estates, the way people are parking. They moan that we are not gritting down cul-de-sacs. They forget we're not driving Metros. These are huge vehicles, they are difficult to move around."

Last week they even resorted to makeshift measures to counter the shortage of salt.

Three lorries went to Cheshire to pick up a fine salt mixed with sand to put in the city's 200 salt bins.

"We were trying to come up with something for the public to throw on their drives because we haven't got enough salt."

But the fine mixture meant the mix got stuck in the hoppers.

Luckily, a trip around the speed humps of Netherfield and Beanhill freed it up – which was followed by complaints from residents about mixing salt with sand.

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Put out rubbish on normal days says council

REFUSE and recycling services collections are getting back to normal in the city.

Milton Keynes Council has announced that residents should disregard the revised collection schedules delivered prior to the Christmas holiday period and put out their refuse on their regular collection day.

A spokesman for the council said: "Some areas may still be inaccessible and smaller vehicles will be used to support the larger refuse collection vehicles to improve our access, and crews will be operating on Saturday to ease the build up.

"Where crews cannot operate safely, some areas may still not receive a collection and we will aim to clear these areas as soon as the conditions allow.

"Also, if the weather conditions deteriorate we may need to reschedule collections.

"Due to the interrupted collections residents are likely to have a large quantity of waste so collections may be later than normal."

Residents are advised to put out their black refuse sack, pink recycling sack, blue glass recycling box and green wheeled bin with food and garden waste in (including real Christmas trees) on their normal collection day.

Andy Hudson, chief waste management engineer said: "We would like to thank residents for their patience."

School's new bright lights blight nights

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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RESIDENTS are taking a stand against the bright lamps which are blighting their nights.

Barleyhurst Park School in Bletchley has been dubbed 'MKs' own Blackpool attraction' after security lights were installed in July.

The 48 lights are still causing sleepless nights for the residents of Hertford Place, while the adjacent Wellsmead school building also has bright new lights.

Nineteen neighbours have signed a petition against the lights on the grounds of health, property values, cost and carbon footprints.

Sleeping tablets and blackout blinds have not stopped the lights affecting Philip Hancock, 43, who lives closest to the lights.

He said: "For years it was simply a security light that was on a sensor. Then we had a letter from the council saying they were going to modernise the two schools, tearing the wall down and installing parking spaces. They didn't say anything about there being 48 lights and security lights mounted on the wall. These are 500 watt halogen bulbs. They don't look energy efficient – you can see the heat coming off them. The first night they were on was awful. Half the residents phoned the council the next day."

Cllr Liz Campbell outside Barleyhurst School where nearby residents have complained about the new bright lights

Cllr Liz Campbell has been fighting the residents' corner: "It must be costing a fortune. I went up to Mellish Court recently and you could see this bright light from a long way away. It looks like a seaside attraction."

Cllr Campbell asked for a detailed report considering light pollution, cost and intrusion. Officers have told her a site visit will take place.

A council spokesman said various measures are being taken to lessen the impact, including sodium lighting and timers, but officers are looking at other ways of improving things.

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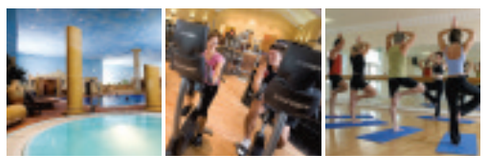

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The heavy snow and ice turned Milton Keynes into a winter wonderland over the last seven days.
Schools were closed and many people found themselves off work on a snow day. We asked readers via our website at www.mk-news.co.uk to send us their pics of a city under snow. Here are some you sent us.

Zak and his snowman by Rachel Paine

Our igloo (above right) by Martin, Martina and Kayleigh Goodard

Loch Ness monster by David Vann in Crown Hill

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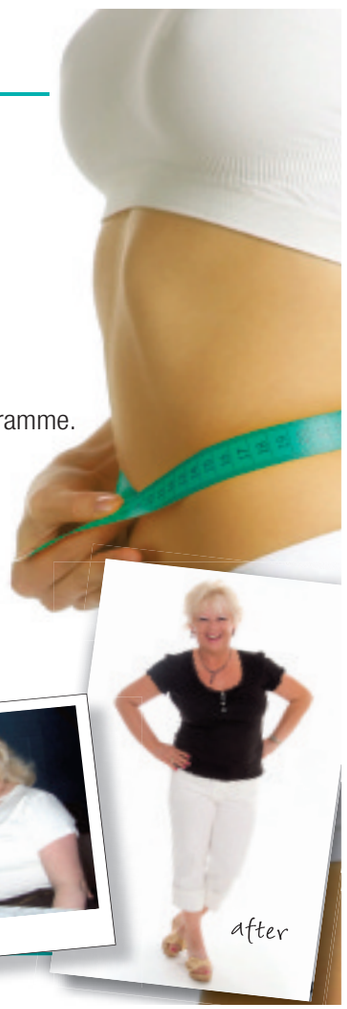

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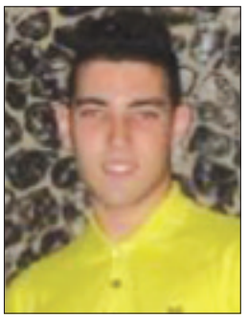

Thomas Nunes-Petts

Inquest opened into New Year's Day death crash

BY LAURA HANNAM
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AN inquest has been opened into the death of two young men in a car crash.

Thomas Nunes-Petts, 20, and Shadreck Tshuma, 19, were killed when the black Renault Clio they were travelling in veered off the V8 Marlborough Street in the early hours of New Year's Day.

Sonia Jackson, coroner's officer, said: "Both were rear seat passengers in a black Renault Clio driven by a friend.

"For a reason unknown at this time the vehicle went out of control, rolled over and collided with a tree on the central reservation."

The two men were pronounced dead at the scene shortly before 1am.

The inquest was adjourned until June 4.

A police investigation into the incident is still ongoing.

Thomas, known as Tom, lived in Milton Grove, Bletchley and went to Milton Keynes College to study maintenance.

Shadreck Tshuma, 19, known to his friends as Shaggy, lived in Caroll Close, Newport Pagnell.

The former Walton High student studied at Bedford College and was planning to go to university.

Promises, promises

MK Council wants families to keep their New Year resolutions.

The Families Information Service (FIS) wants to support local people whether its finding childcare so you can take up a training course or leisure activity; looking for a new hobby for your children; or starting a career in childcare, then the team is on hand to help.

The FIS provides free, up to date and impartial advice on childcare and family support.

Manager Miranda Darbyshire said: "Many people start the New Year by setting a resolution or goal that they want to achieve. Sometimes people can fall at the first hurdle because they don't know where to go to find the right information to help them. We can provide a wealth of advice and support on anything from where your nearest children's street dance club is to how much financial support you could be entitled to if you go back to work."

The FIS launched a new website at the end of 2009 www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/childcare containing a searchable list of childminders, nurseries and other providers, as well as information about starting or developing your career in childcare. It also houses details on thousands of activities for children and young people from tae-kwon-do classes and nature trails to messy play for a day or a whole week's activity scheme.

Teenagers looking to take up a new hobby can log on to a separate website dedicated to them at www.mysaymk.com, also run by Milton Keynes Council. This enables independent-minded teenagers to find out what's on in their area themselves using a newly revamped activities search. From youth centres and sports clubs to arts and music workshops, young people can plan their social calendar whilst checking out the online news articles or submitting a problem for the mysaymk.com 'agony aunt' to solve.

■ For more information to help kick start that New Year's resolution log on to www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/childcare
Or call the team on freephone 0800 035 0335
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Kids' DVD introduces respite home

A GROUP of children and young people have created a DVD about life at a respite home in Furzton.

Furze House offers short breaks for learning disabled children and young people.

The group worked with film maker Kirsten Hintner to make the film after they were awarded a grant of £2,900 from MK YouthBank.

The successful bid was made with the support of children's charity Barnardo's.

Run by Milton Keynes Council, Furze House provides residential short breaks, day care and emergency care for up to 10 young people aged 5-19.

The film features a selection of young people and some of members of staff as they go about their daily activities and gives an overview of what life is like in the home.

The DVD was created as an introduction for any parents and young people potentially visiting Furze House and also features children and young people who currently visit the centre.

The DVD is an addition to a written guide about the home as a DVD is more suitable for the audience.

The film was recently screened to an audience of parents of current visitors, social workers, representatives from Barnardo's, representatives from the young people's schools and other bodies who are involved in the lives of the children and young people who attend there.

Furze House manager Anne Roberts is delighted with the outcome of the project. She said: "The work that the kids have produced, their ideas and efforts, is an amazing credit to them all and it will help new children to build a picture of the service before they start."

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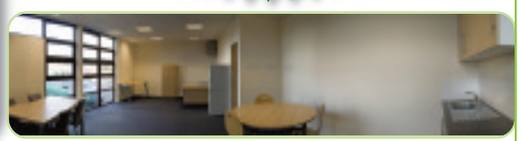

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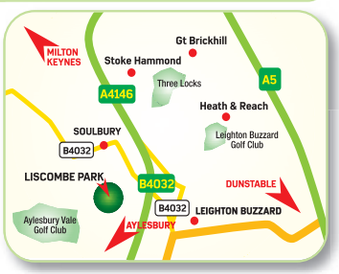

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Two dogs die in freezing water

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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TWO dogs died after they fell into freezing water at the weekend.

On Saturday, fire crews used a special sledge to bring one dog to shore in Tongwell Lake in Newport Pagnell, it was taken to a vet but died.

A second dog died after falling into the River Ouse where it passes under the A5D near Wolverton Mill.

Terry Ridgley, Buckinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service's community safety manager, said: "Local parks and open spaces under a blanket of snow make a wonderful setting for a winter walk or some outdoor fun.

"But there are extra hazards to look out for at this time of year. It's easy to lose your footing and slip into a lake, river or canal.

"We are urging people to keep their dogs under control near frozen waterways to avoid further tragedies."

He added that people should not attempt rescues themselves. "A well-meaning person who 'has a go' could end up in serious difficulties."

Firefighters are also asking people to follow the safety advice issued by The Parks Trust following reports of people playing, jumping and skating on frozen waterways.

Bucks firefighters try out the rescue sledge earlier this year

Chief executive David Foster said: "Frozen ponds and lakes may look beautiful and prove irresistible to children and animals, but they can often be dangerous in winter. Attempting to walk on ice is foolhardy and may put others in danger too."

MK police boss, Acting Superintendent Simon Eatwell, said: "It is really worrying that despite all the warnings, people are still risking their lives walking on frozen lakes and ponds. We have even received reports of some children playing on a frozen canal.

"They may think that as long as they can swim they are safe, but the sub-zero temperatures of the water and the currents under the ice can lead to tragedy for even the strongest swimmers.

"We don't want to stop anyone having fun, but would urge people to stay off of the ice and have fun where it's safe."

Woman, 90, died after fire in kitchen

A NINETY-YEAR-OLD woman died after suffering burns while putting out a fire in her kitchen.

Margery Eales, from Windsor Street, Wolverton was found dead at her home on December 27.

An inquest, opened on Thursday, heard that she had last been in contact with her family on Christmas day.

Her two granddaughters came to her address on December 27 having become anxious when they could not contact her.

When there was no response they broke in.

They found fire damage in the kitchen and smelt gas so turned the hob off, left the house and called 999.

Coroner's officer Sonia Jackson said: "Police officers went into the sitting room at the rear of the house and found Mrs Eales sat in a chair by the fire. She had sustained some serious burns.

"It appears that the fire started in the kitchen and Mrs Eales put the flames out on herself before going into the sitting room."

Mrs Eales was confirmed dead at 12.39pm by a paramedic.

The inquest was adjourned until April 27 to await the results of a post mortem.

Her son, Michael Eales, said: "There was a small fire of something on the stove and she used a tea towel to put it out. In doing so it set fire to her dressing gown and clothes. She managed to put it all out and get to her chair.

"It is believed she either died of shock or heart failure, but we won't know until the full inquest."

Mrs Eales, who was born in Stony Stratford, worked as a receptionist at DW Roberts opticians in The Square, Wolverton for many years before she retired.

Her husband George, a welder at Wolverton Carriage Works, died in 1969 aged 57 and her daughter Diane died suddenly of cancer four years ago.

Mr Eales added: "She and her cousin who lives over the road were hell bent on making it to 100. Her grandchildren spoke to her on Christmas day and she was full of beans. She is greatly missed by her four grandchildren and four great grandchildren."

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Youngsters urged to take sex disease test

NHS Milton Keynes is urging youngsters to take a chlamydia test.

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It's usually symptomless – the only way of finding out if you have chlamydia is to have a quick and painless test.

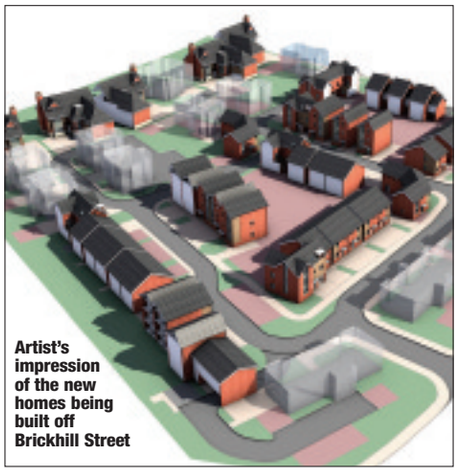
You should have a chlamydia test if you are aged under 25 and have ever had sex. Men just need to give a urine sample, while women use a vaginal swab. The infection, it is easily treated with oral antibiotics. If chlamydia is left untreated, it can cause infertility in women and a painful infection in men's testicles.

Derys Pragnell, from NHS Milton Keynes said: "So many young people are infected with chlamydia but don't know it. You can't tell if other people have it, because there's no symptoms. It's important to get checked out at least once a year."

The best way of preventing chlamydia as well as other sexually-transmitted infections is to use a condom. Young people aged under 25 can get free condoms from participating GP practices and pharmacies . Visit www.mkweb.co.uk/Brook.

Test are free and confidential or you can order a postal testing kit online at www.gettestedmk.nhs.uk

This website also has details of other places where you can have the test like Brook or your GP.



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Cash in on Dons' Trophy ticket offer

MK Dons are just 180 minutes away from a second Wembley final in three years.

Next Wednesday they will face one of their toughest tests of the season so far as Southampton head to stadiummk for the first-leg of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy southern area final.

The Dons have already lost 3-1 to the Saints in League One this season, and will have to make their home advantage count before they travel to St Mary's three weeks later.

The Dons won the trophy at Wembley in 2008 beating Grimsby 2-0.

The Dons have played an incredible 20 home matches in the 2009/2010 so in a bid to ensure their supporters can afford to attend next week's clash the club have dropped ticket prices.

Children under the age of 16 can purchase tickets for £1 for all sections of the stadium, adult tickets in the Cowshed cost £17, and tickets in the east/west wing are £19.

Andrew Cullen, group sales and marketing director at MK Dons, explained the decision will allow more people to attend the match which kicks off at the earlier time of 7pm.

He said: "We're two games away from Wembley, and up against a very very good opposition.

Keith Andrews lifts the Johnstone's Paint Trophy at Wembley in 2008

"We thought dropping the prices was the right thing to do given that the early kick-off means that the youngsters can still come to the football and they're guaranteed to get home at a reasonable time in the evening.

"We've also dropped the prices in each premier area as well so that we fill our side of the ground and create the atmosphere."

Saints have been allocated 2,000 tickets, which can rise to 4,000, and their fans have already snapped up 1,200.

Mr Cullen added: "Southampton have already got off to a flyer with their tickets sales which is great news, so there will be a good atmosphere and plenty of excitement inside stadiummk.

"We want to get off to a great start and we want to make sure that we've got that 12th man out there in terms of the crowd giving the extra impetus to the team.

"It will set the tie up nicely for the second leg three weeks later. There's every chance of going to St Mary's and creating history for Milton Keynes once again."

Tickets for the match can be bought via the MK Dons online ticketing service at www.mkdons.com, by visiting the Box Office at stadiummk or giving them a call on 01908 622900.

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Question Time will be recorded in Middleton Hall in thecentre:mk on Thursday, January 21.

The programme, hosted by David Dimbleby, will be recorded in front of a live audience from around 8.30pm.

Each year, around 30,000 people apply to join the debate by being in the studio audience.

The panels are drawn from significant figures in politics as well as industry, the media and entertainment.

Robert Goodman, centre director of thecentre:mk said: "This is absolutely fantastic news for Milton Keynes and thecentre:mk. Question Time is a national institution and the unique space we have in Middleton Hall means that we are one of the only shopping centres in the UK able to host events like this.

"The panel is decided much closer to the time but I'm as excited as the next person about who might be on it."

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Coup attempt to oust PM Brown 'ridiculous' - MP

Labour member backing boss but city's Tory says they should be concentrating on running country

BY JESSICA CUNNIFFE
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A CITY MP thinks her beleaguered boss should still be Prime Minister.

Dr Phyllis Starkey said that a coup to oust Gordon Brown as leader of the Labour Party was 'ridiculous'.

She received an email from fellow MPs calling for a ballot to settle the question of the PM's leadership last Wednesday.

MP Phyllis Starkey

Dr Starkey said: "It was a damp squib.

"The first email came through blank before the actual email.

"I agree with one of my colleagues who said that the first email was excellent. They should've left it at that.

"I think asking whether Gordon Brown is the right person to lead us into the General Election is a ridiculous question.

"What happened on Wednesday was a complete aberration. I, as an MP, am just getting on with the job.

"What happened got no support. I am absolutely behind Gordon Brown."

Mark Lancaster, MP for North East Milton Keynes, said: "We have a country in financial crisis and a Government more concerned about its own internal politics than running the country.

"It's high time we had a general election.

"What were ministers doing last week? They should have been dealing with problems with the snow, the financial crisis, the war in Afghanistan. Instead they were worrying about themselves.

"It's outrageous."

Three-year ban for fan who ran onto pitch

A FOOTBALL fan has been banned from attending games for three years after being arrested at stadiummk.

John Harwood, 24, from Spencer Road, Long Buckby, Northampton, was arrested at the JP Trophy football game between MK Dons and Northampton Town on November 10, 2009.

Harwood was charged and appeared at Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court on Tuesday (5/1), where he pleaded guilty to the offence; Section 4 of Football Offences Act 1991 (Pitch Incursion).

As well as a three-year football banning order he has been ordered to pay £400 in fines, costs and compensation.

PC Jimmy O'Brien, football liaison officer, said: "This is just one example to show that MK Dons FC and Thames Valley Police will not tolerate this type of behaviour from anyone attending any football matches in Milton Keynes and anyone who chooses to act in this way will be dealt with robustly and they will have to face the consequences of their actions."

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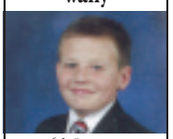

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The Orchid Lounge is large and opulent, no expense has been spared in the decoration of this exceptional restaurant.

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> **The restaurant is large and opulent, no expense has been spared in the decoration of this exceptional restaurant.**

Orchid Lounge waiters and waitresses are always glowing and they look incredible in their crisp traditional uniforms.

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The versatility of the restaurant has also made it a favourite for charities and business groups alike to hold fund raising dinners and networking lunches. With notice it is possible to hire the restaurant exclusively together with a menu that's been designed for the group with dedicated staff to greet and serve guests.

Most recently the 'Ride High' charity held a fund raising evening in the Orchid Lounge raising over three thousand pounds, organiser Rachel Medill said," "Our guests simply had the best time. Fabulous food, excellent service, we certainly experienced why the Orchid Lounge won the 'Best Service' category in the latest Milton Keynes Restaurant Awards. 'Ride High' is a registered charity which helps some of Milton Keynes' most disadvantaged and troubled children by teaching them to ride and care for horses. Their aim is to effect long term change in the children's behaviour and improve their outlook and prospects in life.

Later this month the Orchid Lounge is preparing to welcome the Women in Enterprise networking group for lunch. There are more charity events planned throughout the year.

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Aaron Wilbraham, Roger Goodship, projects director, Richie Goodship, managing director and Neil Hamilton, contracts manager at the opening of the electrical contractor's 'walk in' centre

Striker sparks opener

AN electrical contractor has been given the seal of approval by one of MK Dons star strikers.

R Goodship Ltd Electrical Contractors has just opened a brand new 'walk in' centre on Bilton Road, Bletchley.

And Dons' striker Aaron Wilbraham visited recently for the official opening.

Richie Goodship said: "We are supporters and corporate sponsors of the MK Dons and have been involved with both the stadium and the Double Tree Hilton Hotel installations.

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Cycling team's efforts boost hospice coffers

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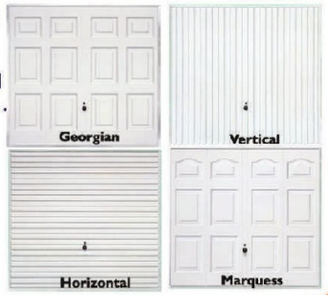

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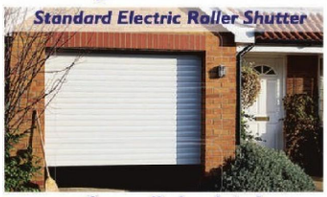

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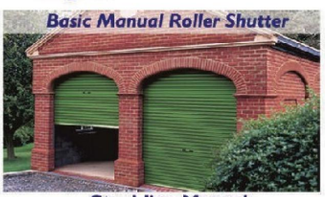

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Show to drive you wild

CAR enthusiasts need to make their way down to thecentre:mk.

From tomorrow (January 14) until Sunday the shopping centre will be playing host to a motor show in Middleton Hall.

Both Mercedes Benz and smart will be showcasing their latest models.

Mercedes-Benz will feature the latest Mercedes-Benz E-Class Coupe which is launched with a choice of new Blue efficiency engines and the Mercedes-Benz Pro-Safe Safety Philosophy system.

While smart of Milton Keynes is launching the stylish, high performance 2010 range of smart cars at the show.

The hot new car in the range is the smart Micro-Hybrid 71 Passion, high specification including efficient and upgraded performance engine, navigation system and a whole lot of style and attitude.

Also present at the show will be Alfa Romeo which is celebrating its centenary.

Other dealerships involved include: MK Kia; MK Hyundai; Pilling Volvo; Pilling Mazda/Renault; Palmers Alfa Romeo; Wayside Mini; Evans Halshaw Vauxhall; Silverstone Harley Davidson (Bikes); Glyn Hopkin Nissan/Fiat.

Jackie Tracey, Events Manager at thecentre:mksaid: "In September last year Lord Mandelson announced that the car scrappage scheme is due to end on February 28 – the show is the perfect opportunity to see the all latest models and make sure you don't miss out."

Davey Lovesy's 'Pork-away' has raised £1,000 for charity

Weight for it

Comedy giant in five-stone loss

BY LAURA HANNAM
laura.hannam@mk-news.co.uk

AN entertainer has lost five stone in weight during a sponsored slim-a-thon.

David Lovesy, from Sandy Close, Great Linford, started what he has named the 'Porkaway' six months ago when he weighed 23st 9lb and was told he was morbidly obese during a health screening.

To help give him the motivation needed to lose weight and change his lifestyle he decided to raise money for charity by doing a sponsored slim-a-thon.

David, a local comedian, actor and writer, said: "I decided to lose weight for my four-year-old and 14-year-old daughters."

"I was given a health screening with MK based Screenetics and was told I was morbidly obese and dehydrated.

"As a man that size I think I must have been only a step away from a heart attack or diabetes."

Since July David has changed his diet, drinks three to four litres of water a day and exercises regularly.

He also saw a nutritionist and a hypnotist to help with motivation.

Screenetics have continued to monitor his health at regular intervals and he weighs in every Monday, recording the results weekly on an online blog.

David, who runs a graphic design agency in Stony Stratford, added: "I didn't find it too terrible.

"Cutting out biscuits was the biggest sacrifice for me. If there was one thing that was going to topple me it was that."

In December he managed to reach 18st 8lb, breaking his five stone weight loss target.

He has raised £1,000 so far. The total will be divided between MADCAP arts charity and the Daniel's Helping Hands fund.

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■ To read his weight loss blog visit www.davidlovesy.co.uk

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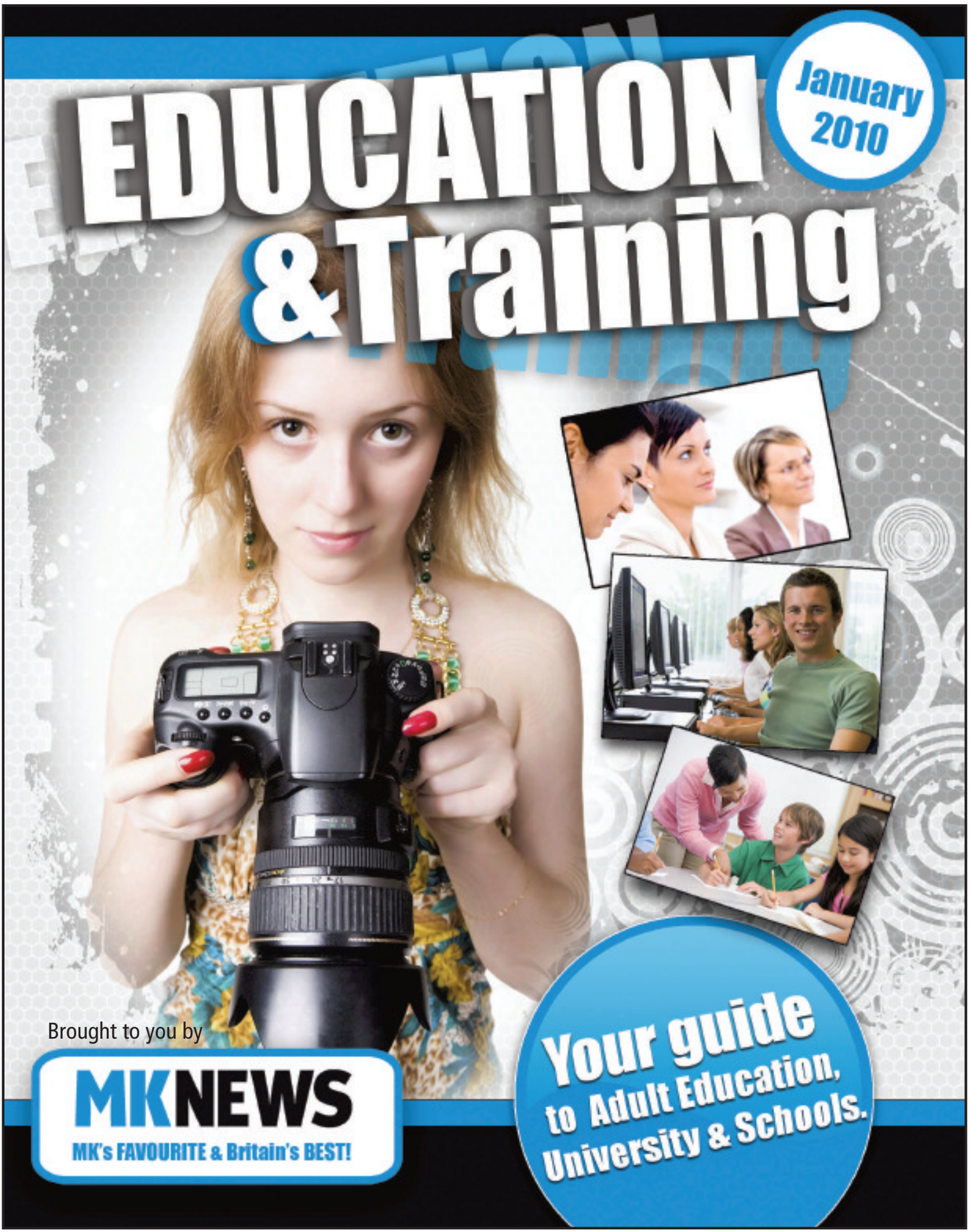

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If you've got a particular career in mind, find out if you need to have specific qualifications, skills or experience. Talk to your teachers or career advisor about which courses are going to best prepare you for the future... YOUR future.

Once you're armed with expert advice, it can be useful to talk over your options with the people who know you best - family and friends.

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A9B402KA	Aromatherapy & Massage - Beginners	Knowles ACE Centre	19/01/2010	Tu	19:30	21:30	10 wks	£90.00	£67.00
E9B400SA	Basic Home Maintenance	Denbigh School	19/01/2010	Tu	18:45	21:15	8 wks	£90.00	£67.00
J9B401GA	Calligraphy for All	Great Linford Arts Workshop	19/01/2010	Tu	10:00	12:00	10 wks	£90.00	£67.00
J9B425KA	Drawing & Painting - Beginners - Next Steps	Knowles ACE Centre	19/01/2010	Tu	13:00	15:00	10 wks	£90.00	£67.00
J9D427ZA	Drawing & Painting - Unlock the Artist Within	MK Gallery	21/01/2010	Th	18:15	20:15	10 wks	£90.00	£67.00
J9C429BA	Drawing for those who can't	Shenley Brook End School	20/01/2010	We	18:30	20:30	10 wks	£90.00	£67.00
J9B430GA	Drawing Step-by-Step - Further Steps	Great Linford Arts Workshop	19/01/2010	Tu	13:00	15:00	10 wks	£90.00	£67.00
J9D431XA	Drawing Step-by-Step - Next Steps	Stony Stratford ACE Centre	21/01/2010	Th	10:00	12:00	10 wks	£90.00	£67.00
J9C478SA	Dressmaking - Advanced	Denbigh School	20/01/2010	We	19:00	21:00	10 wks	£90.00	£67.00
M9C404WA	French - First steps	The Academy, Woughton Campus East	20/01/2010	We	19:00	21:00	5 wks	£50.00	£37.00
J9B483GA	Furniture Design and Construction - Beginners and Improvers	Great Linford Arts Workshop	19/01/2010	Tu	19:00	21:00	10 wks	£120.00	£90.00
H9B406ZA	Golf Beginners - Women Only	Abbey Hill Golf Centre	19/01/2010	Tu	10:30	11:30	4 wks	£25.00	£19.00
J9D438ZA	Guitar - Electric - Beginners	Bushfield School	21/01/2010	Th	18:30	20:00	10 wks	£70.00	£52.00
J9D439ZA	Guitar - Electric - Improvers	Bushfield School	21/01/2010	Th	20:00	21:30	10 wks	£70.00	£52.00
J9C440SA	Guitar - Flamenco - Beginners	Denbigh School	20/01/2010	We	18:45	19:45	10 wks	£50.00	£37.00
J9C441SA	Guitar - Flamenco - Improvers	Denbigh School	20/01/2010	We	20:00	21:00	10 wks	£50.00	£37.00
G9A414ZA	Hairdressing - an introduction	Capa Hair & Beauty Salon	18/01/2010	Mo	19:30	21:30	10 wks	£120.00	£90.00
Q9A407KQ	**Manual Book-keeping - OCR Level 1 Certificate**	**Knowles ACE Centre**	**18/01/2010**	**Mo**	**09:30**	**13:00**	**11 wks**	**£225.00**	**£30.00**
A9C414BA	Meditation & Visualisation Techniques	Shenley Brook End School	20/01/2010	We	19:00	21:00	5 wks	£50.00	£37.00
Q9E409XA	Minute Taking Skills	Stony Stratford ACE Centre	22/01/2010	Fr	09:30	15:30	1 day	£38.00	£28.00
H9G410ZA	Nordic Walking - Mixed ability	Caldecotte Lake	17/01/2010	Sun	10:00	11:00	5 wks	£32.00	£24.00
J9B457GA	Painting in Oils & Acrylics	Great Linford Arts Workshop	19/01/2010	Tu	19:30	21:30	10 wks	£90.00	£67.00
F9E425ZA	Photoshop - an introduction	Old Bath House	22/01/2010	Fr	13:00	15:00	5 wks	£50.00	£37.00
H9A414ZA	Pilates - Mixed ability	Stantonbury Leisure Centre	18/01/2010	Mo	20:30	21:30	10 wks	£50.00	£37.00
J9D484GA	Pottery - Absolute Beginners	Great Linford Arts Workshop	21/01/2010	Th	10:00	12:00	10 wks	£90.00	£67.00
J9B459GA	Pottery - Beginners and Improvers	Great Linford Arts Workshop	19/01/2010	Tu	13:00	15:00	10 wks	£90.00	£67.00
J9B461GA	Pottery - Beginners and Improvers	Great Linford Arts Workshop	19/01/2010	Tu	19:00	21:00	10 wks	£90.00	£67.00
A9D415KA	Reflexology	Knowles ACE Centre	21/01/2010	Th	19:00	21:00	10 wks	£90.00	£67.00
M9A419XA	Russian - Advanced Conversation	Stony Stratford ACE Centre	18/01/2010	Mo	19:30	21:30	10 wks	£90.00	£67.00
M9B423WA	Spanish - First Steps	The Academy, Woughton Campus East	19/01/2010	Tu	19:00	21:00	5 wks	£50.00	£37.00
C9C403WA	Understanding Latin names for Plants	The Academy, Woughton Campus East	20/01/2010	We	19:00	21:00	3 wks	£38.00	£28.00
J9A469SA	Watercolour Painting - Basic Techniques - First Steps	Denbigh School	18/01/2010	Mo	19:00	21:00	10 wks	£90.00	£67.00
F9C429XQ	**Website Software - Level 2**	**Stony Stratford ACE Centre**	**20/01/2010**	**We**	**19:00**	**21:00**	**10 wks**	**£110.00**	**£30.00**
J9A477GA	Woodturning - Mixed Ability	Great Linford Arts Workshop	18/01/2010	Mo	10:00	12:30	8 wks	£120.00	£90.00
J9A476GA	Woodturning - Mixed Ability	Great Linford Arts Workshop	18/01/2010	Mo	19:30	21:30	10 wks	£120.00	£90.00
F9C435BQ	**Word Processing - Level 2 NEW LOW FEE**	**Shenley Brook End School**	**20/01/2010**	**We**	**19:00**	**21:00**	**10 wks**	**£30.00**	**£30.00**

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Theatre District 239433
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SIMON DARNELL

DON'T STOP THE MUSIC
Jamie Cullum

WELL now, here's something a bit different. A song that happens to be a cover version of a song that extensively sampled another song that borrowed the riff that its successor used from yet another song.

And they say there's no originality in pop music these days.

Now then, as is the way with Jamie Cullum, when he does a cover version he goes to the trouble of putting his own spin on it, so the basic tune's still here (just about) and the lyrics, but everything else has been thrown in the bin and replaced with jazz. Nice.

The strange thing is, this song works really well in its new surroundings and, even though there's a piano solo that goes on a bit, I'm going to let him off on that score because let's be honest, extended solos are part of what jazz is all about.

Normally, jazz music and me have a love-hate relationship most of the time I love listening to other things and hate listening to jazz – but this isn't too bad. It doesn't go on for ages, and it's a complete re-invention of Rihanna's single; well, if you're going to do a cover you might as well make it worth the effort, and he has.

That last point may seem like a minor thing, but if a band like Westlife still haven't grasped it after nearly 11 (that's ELEVEN) years then it's obviously not as easy as it looks.

AUDIENCE
Cold War Kids

UNTIL the Cold War Kids polish up their sound, they'll never make it big, but if they do polish up their sound they won't actually sound half as good as they do now.

Awkward situation to be in, isn't it?

Take this song, for instance. It's probably very simple to play, there's nothing complex about it at all, in fact the trickiest bit to play is probably where the drums start stuttering a bit in the middle.

In addition to that, they're using the bare minimum of instruments for the minimum amount of time necessary – one of these days somebody's going to do an encyclopedia of music and under the word 'minimalistic' there's going to be a big picture of Cold War Kids.

However, having said all that, what they do play they play well.

Audience only sounds simple because with other people in charge, this song would've been overcomplicated and cleaned up and mixed to within an inch of its life... thing is though, it would've lost its heart and soul if it had.

I'll happily take songs like this over anything by the Jonas Brothers any day of the week.

TASTE LIFE

GIRAFFE
Sibury Arcade, thecentre:mk
Review by Jessica Cunniffe

SCANNING the continent-spanning menu at Giraffe, it seemed like the world was our oyster – or rather our stir-fry, quesadilla, pizza and steak.

This restaurant does not dub itself a world food venue for nothing.

Travelling the culinary world from the comfort of thecentre:mk, we decided to start by sharing one of Mexico's greatest exports – nachos.

But their nachos (£5.50 crunchy nachos melt) were not just any nachos. My companion, a connoisseur of the corn crisps, proclaimed them the best she'd ever eaten.

It was probably something to do with the fact that, for just £1.65 extra, the cheese, guacamole, salsa, sour cream and jalapenos were joined by a sprinkling of crispy chorizo pieces.

Next for me was the hot Thai duck stir fry which was crammed with basil, mushrooms, pepper, chilli jam and shallots.

In fact, there was so much there that I had to take the remainder home in a doggy bag.

My friend went for the ambitious-sounding 'herby chicken schnitzel BLT burger', and was glad she did. Both main meals cost less than a tenner.

My friend then decided that the rocky road ice cream sundae, which the menu helpfully suggests to 'share with a friend', was for her. She was egged on by the waitress to finish the whole thing – and she nearly did). It was £5.65 well spent. I was left with no option but to go for the chocolate chunk brownie. A great way to round off a great meal.

*This month Giraffe is offering a generous 40 per cent off all food between January 11 to 29 all day Monday to Friday and Sundays from 7pm.

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LIVE JAZZ MATTERS

Bashblart: Henry Lowther and Paul Clarvis

Sunday, January 17. 11.30am-1.45pm

THE Henry Lowther-Paul Clarvis Duo, aka Bashblart, will be giving an unusual jazz performance for drums and trumpet. This is music reduced to the basic components of rhythm and melody only.

Henry & Paul will also be offering some light relief by talking about what they do, answering questions from the audience and by demonstrating their respective instruments and techniques. Tickets £8 booked in advance, £9.50 on the door

SARAH MITCHELL

Tuesday, January 19. 8.45pm

A BIG personality with a big voice to match. And she's from Yorkshire - how could Sir Michael Parkinson not be on her side? Sarah Mitchell is a star in the making, signed to the label that bought us Jamie Cullum and Clare Teal. Sarah knew from a young age that she wanted to be a singer and won a place at the famous Liverpool Institute of Performing Arts.

On graduating she starred in musical reviews all over the world, with repertoire from Broadway shows and the Great American Songbook, but now she's back in the UK doing what she really loves singing jazz! Tickets £9.50 in advance, £11.50 on the door

Big voice: Sarah Mitchell

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CINDERELLA

Until January 17

THERE is still just time to catch this years panto.

With an all-star cast Cinderella at Milton Keynes Theatre features a glittering combination of everything a traditional pantomime could wish for.

Hollywood legend Mickey Rooney heads an all-star cast as Cinderella's father Baron Hardup. He will be joined by comedy legend Bobby Davro as the cheeky and lovable Buttons, TV favourite Anthea Turner as the Fairy Godmother, A1's Ben Adams as the handsome Prince Charming and beautiful West End leading lady Louise Dearman as Cinderella.

Also Joining them will be MK's Top Talent Winner Holly Brewer.

With boo-able Ugly Sisters, a sparkling set, a live orchestra providing a hand-clapping , feet-stomping selection of popular songs and real Shetland ponies this will be a magical night for the whole family, and a panto dreams are made of.

Book your tickets for Cinderella's ball before the clock strikes midnight.

CHICAGO

January 25-30

MARTI Pellow returns to MK in the hit musical Chicago. Based on events in the roaring 1920s, night-club singer Roxie Harts shoots her lover and with cell block rival, double murdress Velma Kelly fight to keep from death row with the help of smooth talking lawyer Billy Flynn. Chicago's sexy, sassy score includes All That Jazz and Razzle Dazzle.

SWING AND YOU'RE WINNING

A SWING band that recently performed at Dame Vera Lynn's charity ball is returning home for a one-night-only gig.

Dame Vera, who recently topped the charts with her latest album, took to the stage with Sherington-based band Five Star Swing at the event in the Imperial War Museum, London in November and then danced to their rendition of some of her famous hits.

This year the band has toured and performed at the famous Blackpool Tower Ballroom and are returning for one night at the Village Hall, Sherington, tomorrow (Thursday, January 14) at 8pm.

The show features multi-instrumentalists and singers lead by Chris and Simone Smith, from Sherington.

Chris, an ex' bandsman of Her Majesty's Welsh Guard whose varied career has taken him from Jazz festivals to Top of the Pops, uses his experience gained in playing and writing for Herb Miller, Glenn Miller's brother, to bring the songs to life.

Saxophonist and vocalist Simone has performed with the New Squadroniares and played Lead Alto Saxophone in the later days of the Ivy Benson show band.

Tickets cost £10 from Brown & Merry Estate Agents, 74a High St, Newport Pagnell, call the box office on 01582 766801 or visit www.fivestarswing.co.uk.

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PARK LIFE

Get out and about

WHILE you may have been snowbound at home by the recent weather The Parks Trust has just released its 2010 Events Guide with almost 200 events and activities aiming to get you out and about enjoying the city's beautiful parks and green spaces throughout 2010.

For 2010 there are some great new activities. There's no excuse not to keep you and your four-legged friends fit and healthy this year with the introduction of two walks each month called Waggy Walks.

The walks will help you to socialize both young and old dogs, discover new walking routes near to you and learn tips and hints on training from the walk leader.

If you'd like to discover more about your local area whilst meeting people join one of the Trust's history or wildlife walks. These walks will identify local landmarks that you may have driven or walked past many times without noticing. They're short walks aimed at all levels.

If you'd like to gear-up your fitness try a series of new Nordic walks, these sessions are designed to improve fitness and mobility.

Or alternatively join Milton Keynes Walking Festival in May, where there will be four days full of different walks for all ages and abilities.

Further highlights in 2010 include an open-air theatre production of Romeo and Juliet, a series of adult education workshops, the city's popular outdoor two-day film festival, a night walk to learn more about wildlife; a mini-festival to celebrate May Day and the Trust's first Barn Dance.

Additionally the Trust's firm favourites will be running monthly, join Womens' Walking Network; bike rides with the Easy Riders, Pushchairs in the Park and orienteering.

There are the city's biggest music festivals to enjoy, such as the Great Linford Waterside Festival, MK4U and World Picnic and an international arts festival running across the whole of the city in July.

Don't forget the hugely popular school holiday events this year will feature traditional events of Easter Bunny Hunts, Halloween and Christmas Craft events but also fun wildlife events, the opportunity to learn new woodland crafts and games.

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MARCUS COATES

Psychopomp

January 15 – April 4 Free

This exhibition will be the first survey of Marcus Coates' work in a public gallery in the UK and will include early film pieces, sculpture, sound, costumes and photographs as well as new work.

Coates often assumes the identity of an animal, such as a fox, goshawk or stoat, by simulating its appearance, enacting its habits and appropriating its language.

In the film, Stoat (1999), for example, Coates totters around on ramshackle platforms, learning to recreate the animal's bounding movements; in Goshawk (1999), a telephoto lens captures the artist as a rare bird perched precariously at the top of a tree; while in Finfolk (2003), the artist emerges from the North Sea spluttering a new dialect, as spoken by seals.

Coates has also trained as a shaman and the exhibition includes films of his rituals, where he achieves a trance-like state and communes with the animal kingdom to address social issues. Wearing an array of costumes such as a badger's hide, a stuffed horse's head, a blonde wig and a necklace of money (all of which will be on display), Coates has addressed issues including prostitution, regeneration and swine flu for communities worldwide and most recently in Israel, Japan and Switzerland.

Dawn Chorus (2007) is a major, multi-screen installation in which human voices re-create the chorus sung at dawn by birds, including a chaffinch, pheasant and yellowhammer. Together with wildlife sound recordist Geoff Sample, Coates recorded individual birds singing simultaneously on a single morning. Each was slowed down to a human pitch, so that people could be filmed mimicking these lower and slower sounds in their own natural habitats, such as a hotel, osteopath's clinic or even a bath tub. The films were then accelerated until people twitter like birds and their voices precisely echo the original birdsong.

In Peregrine (1999) Coates has painted the feathers of this powerful predator onto the carriage of an ordinary starling. This sculpture encapsulates the artist's exploitation of art for its magical and liberating ability to transpose everyday objects and situations into unexpected, humorous and thought-provoking contexts.

The exhibition includes works spoken in numerous tongues as Coates ultimately addresses his audiences using the universal language of the imagination to highlight the spiritual and social potential of art.

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44 INCH CHEST (18)

Ian McShane, John Hurt, Tom Wilkinson, Ray Winstone

From Friday

COLIN Diamond (Winstone) is shattered when his wife Liz (Whalley) says she's leaving him for another man. Colin's underworld-affiliated friends abduct the wife's lover and keep him in a wardrobe in a seedy flat while Colin decides how to take his revenge.

UP IN THE AIR

George Clooney, Vera Farmiga, Anna Kendrick, Melanie Lynskey

From Friday

RYAN Bingham (Clooney), frequent flyer and corporate downsizer, has his life just how he likes it: no emotional ties, plenty of in-flight perks. That is, until he falls for the enigmatic Alex (Farmiga), and is saddled with work-partner Natalie (Kendrick).

STILL WALKING (U)

Hiroshi Abe, Yui Natsukawa, You, Yoshio Harada, Kiki Kirin

From Friday

ADULT offspring of a retired couple return to the family home to commemorate the anniversary of the death of the eldest son 15 yrs earlier and revisit old issues and resentments.

THE ROAD (15)

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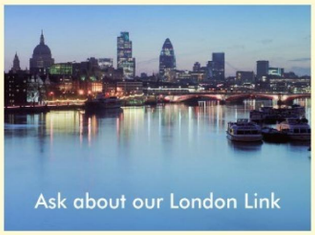

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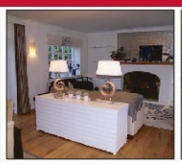
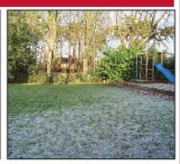

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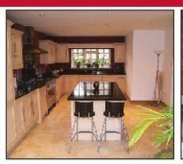
*25ft lounge/dining room *high specification kitchen *utility *downstairs WC. *three bedrooms* family bathroom *ample parking to the front of the property with two further spaces in front of the garage* detached from the rear garden is a separate beautiful garden accessed via wooden steps and this opens into a generous lawn with mature tree surround and has the future potential for building a separate dwelling (sold without any planning consent)*

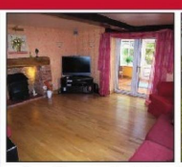
Hartwell — £625,000



A very high specification village property offering extremely generous living accommodation.

*23ft kitchen/breakfast room *dining room *study *20ft lounge *conservatory *utility and downstairs WC *six double bedrooms two with en suite *high specification family bathroom *own private parking with gravel driveway leading to a substantial garage.

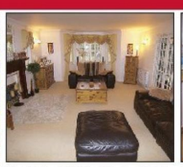
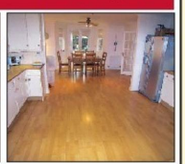
Mursley — £450,000



A well presented detached character property boasting generous gardens in the sought after village of Mursley

*4 reception rooms *4 bedrooms offering a high degree of flexible living accommodation *off road parking via a 5 bar wooden gated entrance leading to a detached garage *

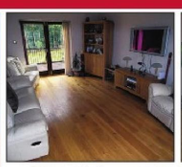
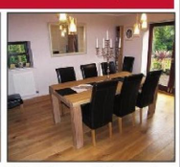
Shenley Brook End — £725,000

Built in 1999, this individual design, stunning five bed detached residence is situated in an enviable position in Shenley Brook End Village.

* large reception hall *large lounge *dining room *kitchen/breakfast room, *study/family room *five double bedrooms *three with en-suite bathrooms *detached annexe *garden chalet with hot tub and sauna *superb professionally landscaped rear garden.

Shenley Lodge — £499,950

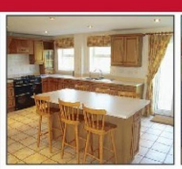
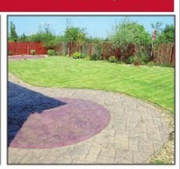



A beautifully presented 6 bedroom detached property is located on a generous corner plot in an 'exclusive' cul-de-sac. * Impressive kitchen/family room *dining room * lounge *downstairs shower room and utility * 6 bedrooms * 3 bathrooms *generous lawned rear garden *double garage with parking for numerous cars further enhances this superb home*

Deanshanger — £750,000

A unique five bedroom detached stone built property sympathetically designed in the Georgian Manor House style and benefits from a generous plot in a delightful location adjacent to the village green. The property is accessed via its own private driveway with beautifully landscaped gardens to front and rear offering a high degree of privacy. * Impressive hall with flagstone flooring *Kitchen/breakfast room *Lounge *Dining room *Study *Utility room *Downstairs WC * Galleried landings *Five bedrooms * Three with en suite *Family bathroom.

Biddenham — £675,000

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*4 separate reception rooms *kitchen is 17'9" x 14'3" *6 bedrooms with 2 en suites* long block paved drive to park 6/8 cars and the double width garage*
Spacious front gardens and the very private rear garden approx 83' x 48' with countryside and the golf fairways beyond*

Walnut Tree — £425,000

A recently modernised 5 bed detached residence found in a sought after cul-de-sac in Walnut Tree. *Lounge * Modern Kitchen/Diner with granite worksurfaces and new appliances *Utility and w/c *5 bedrooms *En-suite *Family bathroom* Private driveway *Double garage* Mature gardens*

Grange Farm — £350,000

A beautifully presented 5/6 bedroom detached executive residence situated in an off road location in Grange Farm.

* lounge *study * kitchen/diner* utility * cloakroom* 5/6 double bedrooms, with one of the bedrooms being ideally suited to a family room/cinema room * 3 bathrooms* ample parking to the property in front of the double garage and enclosed garden to the rear*

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* Four Bedroom Property
* End of Terrace
* Cloakroom
* Kitchen/Diner
* Conservatory
* Bathroom
* Gardens
* Garage

Heelands £127,500

* 3 Bedroom Property
* Mid Terrace
* Double Glazing
* Kitchen/Diner
* Lounge
* Garden
* Off Road Parking

Stantonbury £157,500

* 3 Bedrooms
* Detached
* Double Glazing
* Kitchen/diner
* Lounge
* Bathroom
* Front & Rear Gardens
* Garage

Two Mile Ash OIEO £110,000

* 1 Bedroom Bungalow
* Lounge
* Kitchen Area
* Bathroom
* Front Garden
* Rear Garden
* Allocated Parking

Furzton OIEO £125,000

* Two Bedroom Bungalow
* Semi Detached
* Gas to Radiator Heating
* Kitchen
* Lounge/Diner
* Garden
* Driveway
* Off Road Parking

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* Lounge
* Ensuite
* Front & Rear Gardens
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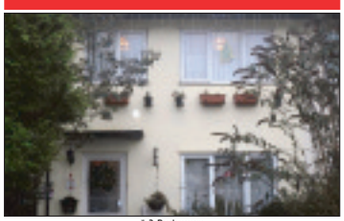

* 3 Bedrooms
* Semi Detached
* Double Glazing
* Lounge
* Kitchen/ Dining Room
* Family Bathroom
* Rear Garden

Heelands OIEO £195,000

* 3 Bedroom Detached
* Cloakroom
* Lounge
* Dining Room
* Kitchen
* Front & Rear Gardens
* Off Road Parking
* Garage

Crownhill £99,995

* Much Improved Property
* 3 Bedroom
* Double Glazing
* Kitchen
* Lounge
* Bathroom
* Front & Rear Gardens
* Off Road Parking

Bradwell £265,000

* 3 Bedroom Detached
* Double Glazing
* Cloakroom
* Lounge & Dining Room
* Kitchen
* Refitted Bathroom
* Front & Rear Gardens
* Off Road Parking

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Willen Park OIEO £125,000

* One Bedroom Property
* Semi Detached
* Double Glazing
* Gas Central Heating
* Kitchen
* Lounge
* Rear Garden
* Allocated Parking

Caldecotte £45,000

* Well Presented
* One Bedroom Maisonette
* Kitchen
* Lounge
* Garden
* Allocated Parking
* Shared Ownership
* Viewing is Recommended.

Milton Keynes Village £275,000

* Three Bedroom Propetry
* Semi Detached
* Refitted Kitchen
* Utility Room
* Refitted Bathroom
* Front & Rear Gardens
* Currently being Completely Refurbished by the Current Owner

Simpson OIEO £120,000

* In Our Opinion Spacious Flat
* Two Double Bedrooms
* First Floor
* Separate WC & Bathroom
* Lounge
* Kitchen
* Communal Gardens
* Garage

Broughton Guide Price £200,000

* Very Well Presented
* Three Bedroom Mews Style
* Cloakroom
* Kitchen/Diner
* En-Suite to Master Bedroom
* Rear Garden
* Driveway
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* Three Bedroom
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Emerson Valley £229,995

* Three Bedrooms
* Detached
* Popular location
* Front and Rear Gardens
* Off Road parking.
* Single Garage

Tattenhoe £249,995

* Well Presented
* 3 Bedroom Detached
* Cloakroom
* Refitted Kitchen
* Lounge & Study
* Family Room & Dining Room
* En-Suite
* Family Bathroom

Furzton £149,995

* Two Bedrooms
* Semi Detached
* Double Glazing
* Front and Rear Gardens
* Off Road Parking

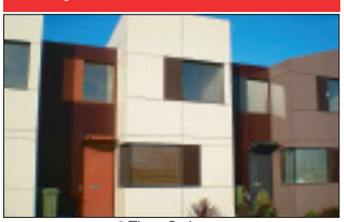
Windmill Hill £295,000

* Detached family home
* Four bedrooms
* Separate reception rooms
* Gardens to front and rear
* Double garage and off road parking

Kingsmead £214,950

* Three Bedrooms
* Cloakroom
* Kitchen
* Lounge/Diner
* Conservatory
* En Suite
* Family Bathroom
* Front & Rear Garden

Oxley Park £212,500



* Three Bedroom
* Eco Terraced Home
* Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
* Utility/W.C.
* Garden and Parking
* Must Be Viewed!

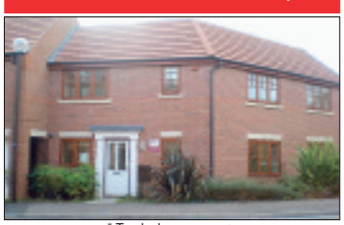
Manor Park £234,995

* Three Bedrooms
* Detached
* Gas Central Heating
* Double Glazing
* Front and Rear Gardens
* Off road parking
* Garage

Newton Longville OIEO £200,000

* Three Bedrooms
* Semi Detached
* Double Glazing
* Garage
* Parking for Numerous Cars
* Front and Rear Gardens

Westcroft OIEO £149,000



* Two bedroom property
* Cloakroom
* Lounge
* Kitchen
* Rear garden
* Garage

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Mr and Mrs B require a 3 double bedroom property in and around Shenley's can you help? Please call Taylors Westcroft on 01908 524456

Central Bletchley £145,000

* Victorian Style
* Two Bedrooms
* Semi Detached
* Double Garage
* Front and Rear Gardens
* No Upper Chain

Castles Estate Guide Price £175,000

* Three Bedrooms
* Semi Detached Property
* Gas Central Heating
* Double Glazing
* Off Road Parking
* Garden

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Tattenhoe £144,995

* Well Presented
* Two Bedroom
* First Floor Apartment
* Lounge & Dining Area
* Kitchen
* En-Suite
* Allocated Parking Space
* Garage

Emerson Valley Guide Price £235,000

* Three bedroom detached home
* Re-fitted kitchen
* Separate reception rooms
* Re-fitted bathroom, cloakroom and en suite
* Gardens to front and rear
* Garage and off road parking

CALL BLETCHLEY (01908) 370861

Racecourses Guide Price £200,000

* Three Bedrooms
* Detached Property
* Double Glazing
* Central Heating
* Separate Reception Rooms
* Family Room
* En-suite to Master
* Off Road Parking

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New Bradwell Guide Price £129,995

- Well Presented
- One Bedroom Flat
- Top Floor
- Double Glazing
- Electric Heating
- Communal Gardens
- Allocated Parking
- Viewing is Recommended!

Bradville OIEO £164,995

NEW PRICE

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- Rear garden
- Garage
- Off Road Parking

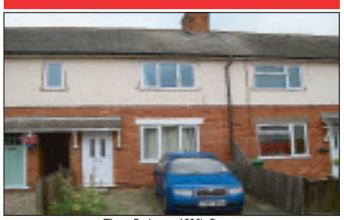
URGENT REQUEST

3/4 beds needed for Mr/s P in Two Mile Ash. Can you help? Call 01908 563825

Deanshanger Guide Price £225,000

- Well Presented
- Two Bedroom
- Ground Floor
- Luxury Apartment
- En Suite To Master
- Private Gardens
- Allocated Parking

Bradville OIEO £140,000

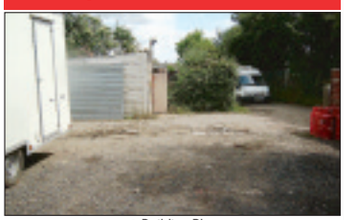


- Three Bedroom 1930's Property
- Mid-Terraced
- Double Glazing
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Front & Rear Gardens
- No Upper Chain

Greenleys Guide Price £109,995

- Well Presented
- Three Bedroom
- Mid Terraced Home
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Double Glazing
- Garden
- Viewing Highly Recommended

Hanslope Offers Over £70,000



- Building Plot
- Full Planning Approved
- For Two Bedroom
- Dormer Bungalow
- Two Bathrooms
- Garden and Off Road Parking

Potterspury £150,000

- Three Bedroom Property
- Semi Detached
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen
- Study/Utility
- Lounge
- Large Garden
- No Upper Chain!

Old Wolverton Offers Over £199,995

NEW PRICE

- Four Bedroom
- Semi-Detached
- Extended
- Shower Room
- Double Glazing
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Garage and Gardens

Greenleys Guide Price £159,995

NEW INSTRUCTION

- Well Presented 3 Bedroom
- Extended Semi Detached
- Double Glazing
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Deanshanger £185,000

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Double Glazing
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking
- Garage
- Rear garden

Stony Stratford £199,995

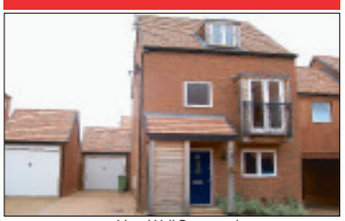
- Individual Victorian Style Property
- Sash Style Windows
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Garden
- No Upper Chain
- Viewing is a Must!

Hodge Lea £169,995

NEW INSTRUCTION

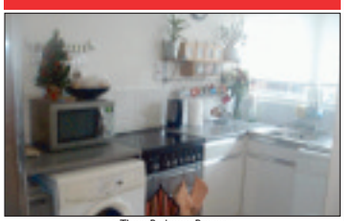
- Semi detached home
- Three bedrooms
- Kitchen/diner
- Lounge
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Rear gardens
- Single garage

Wolverton Mill OIEO £200,000



- Very Well Presented
- Three Bedroom
- Semi Detached
- Town House
- Cloakroom and En Suite
- Gas Radiator Heating

Fullers Slade £115,000



- Three Bedroom Property
- Three Storey
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Cloakroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Gardens
- Carport
- Off Road Parking

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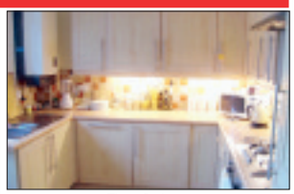
Newport Pagnell £184,995
NEW INSTRUCTION



• Three Bedrooms
• Lounge/Diner
• Kitchen
• Conservatory
• Bathroom
• Integral Garage
• Off Road Parking
• Landscaped Front Garden

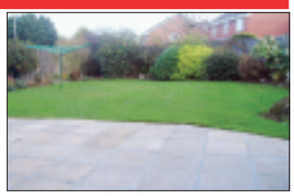
Bozeat OIEO £250,000
NEW PRICE

• Detached
• Five bedrooms
• No upper chain
• Rear Garden
• Single garage
• Off road parking

Yardley Hastings OIEO £320,000
NEW PRICE

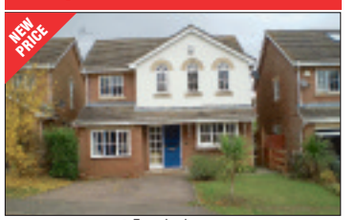
• Detached bungalow
• Four bedrooms
• Landscaped rear garden
• Larger than average garage
• Private parking
• Private driveway

Newport Pagnell £324,995
NEW PRICE



• Four Bedrooms
• Detached Property
• Highly Sought After Location
• Double Garage
• Front and Rear Gardens
• Green Park
• Planning Permission To Extend

Olney OIEO £275,000
NEW PRICE



• Four bedrooms
• Detached
• Separate reception rooms
• En suite to master bedroom
• Converted garage
• Highly sought after location

Bozeat £260,000
NEW PRICE

• Former telephone exchange
• Immaculately presented
• Undergone renovation and many improvements by the current vendors.
• Three bedrooms
• Rear and side gardens
• Garage

Newport Pagnell £375,000

• Three Bedrooms
• Lounge
• Dining Room
• Kitchen/Family Room
• Utility Room
• Re-fitted Cloak/Wet Room
• Re-fitted Family Bathroom
• Front and Rear Garden

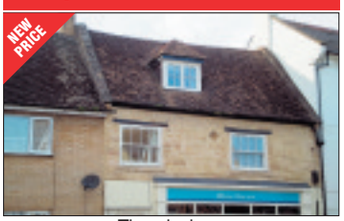
Newport Pagnell £164,995

• Three Bedrooms
• Semi Detached
• Double Glazing
• 2 reception rooms
• Kitchen
• Bathroom
• Gardens

Olney £119,950
NEW PRICE

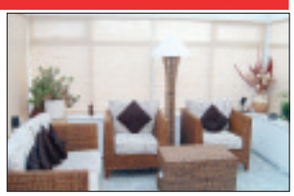
• Re-fitted kitchen
• Entrance hall/Study
• One bedroom
• First floor
• Four piece suite bathroom
• Tel: 01234 713333

Olney £160,000
NEW PRICE



• Three bedrooms
• Lounge/Kitchen
• Bathroom
• Versatile accommodation
• Internal viewing recommended

Newport Pagnell £225,000
NEW PRICE



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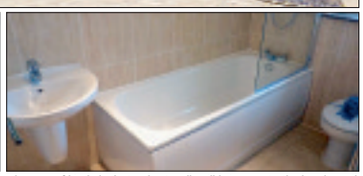

Set behind electric gates, a collection of just 11 private homes in the popular area of Linslade. Just a short walk will bring you to the London rail station and all town centre amenities. This high specification 5 bedroom detached has versitility to run a business from home or an annex for a member of the family. The home boasts 5 bedrooms, 2 en-suites, 3 reception rooms and a generous plot. The accommodation above the open plan triple garage includes a 26ft room with a WC. Outside the private road is gated and block paved. Giving a secure, private setting in this popular residential area. Key in office, viewing highly recommended.

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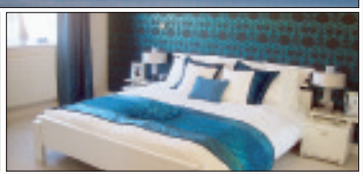

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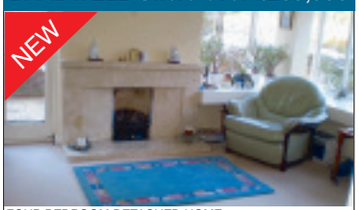

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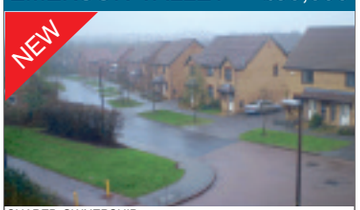

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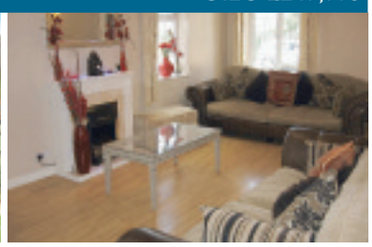

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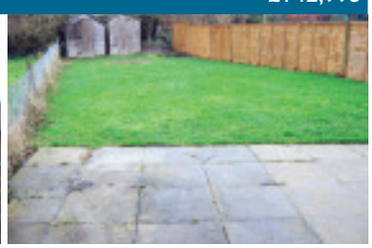

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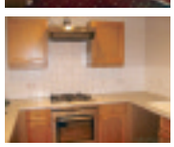

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Captain's log-on for ocean racers

IT'S a digital life on the ocean waves for one MK company.

Digital Chapter, the city based digital agency, has just completed the first 12 months management of their creative and user friendly website for the Clipper 09-10 Round the World Yacht Race.

The only yacht race in the world where amateur crews compete against each other and undertake the challenge of a lifetime - where you'll find vicars and stockbrokers racing against taxi drivers, engineers, students and chief execs.

The new website has delivered solid business results, with the innovative features delivering over 100 per cent increase in site traffic, compared to the last race, and a sell out position ahead of expectations.

The site was released in three phases. Phase one concentrated on recruitment and in May, Digital Chapter went live with the second phase of the site, with 10 Team Microsites focussing on crew allocation to the ten vessels. Using password controlled logins, each crew had a secure area to interact with the professional skipper and their team members, which included a forum for discussing race tactics and sharing photographs.

The focus of phase three was the race itself and the key section

enjoyed by most site users is the 'Race Viewer', unveiled on the day the race started in Hull, which allows crew, family & friends and media to follow each boat throughout the race.

Ian Dickens, director of marketing and communications for Clipper Ventures plc said, "Digital Chapter very quickly grasped our strategy and translated this into an approach where the website design worked in harmony with other media channels. They are never shy in coming forward with ideas and challenging us when appropriate! The results speak for themselves: we achieved a 100 per cent sell out position ahead of our own timescales and we know the website played an important role here."

Digital Chapter partner Julian Presant-Collins said, "The Hull start of the Race in September was a huge moment for us, experiencing the energy of the people involved who come from all walks of life, and being a major part of the 09-10 race development. The fleet is now racing from Geraldton, Australia towards their next stop Singapore.

"We are immensely proud that everyone involved can track their progress over the remaining months through our web developments."

Health clinic donates kit to Africa

A PRIVATE healthcare provider has donated an operating table and hospital beds to a charity that supplies medical equipment to Africa.

BMI The Saxon Clinic in Milton Keynes donated the equipment to UK-based charity, Med Aid.

It will be shipped over to Nanyuki General Hospital in rural Kenya which serves a population of 100,000.

If bought new, the operating table alone would cost over £30,000.

Adrian Peake, executive director of BMI The Saxon Clinic said: "Through the process of upgrading our equipment, The Saxon is delighted to be in a position to be able to help those in need and provide such vital assistance to developing nations, and by doing so, we are also preventing serviceable medical equipment from going to landfill in the UK.

"We very much hope this equipment will provide many years of effective use."

Edward Walker, consultant urologist, Tim Beacon, founder of Med Aid International, Adrian Peake, executive director of BMI The Saxon Clinic and Peter Carter, theatre manager

Luminar Leisure wins top training award

LUMINAR Leisure has been honoured for the launch of its Foundation Degree in Leadership and Management.

Leading figures from the world of industry, public sector and government gathered last night to celebrate training success stories up and down the country at the 23rd annual National Training Awards.

At a glittering ceremony in London hosted by Five newsreader Natasha Kaplinsky, it was announced that Luminar Leisure, Milton Keynes in partnership with Aspire Loughborough College had been awarded the coveted National Training Award 'Winner of the Year' for Partnership and Collaboration.

Nightclub operator Luminar Leisure launched a foundation degree course to train its managers, reduce staff turnover and help professionalise the industry. Judges were highly impressed with Luminar's commitment to learning and introducing training that is unique for its sector, providing career opportunities for people who are often not able to access formal development.

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A qualification in TEACCH would be ideal but serious consideration would be given to applicants who expressed a commitment to undertake the training.

Closing date for applications - 12.00 noon Monday 1st February 2010
Shortlisting - 2nd & 3rd February 2010
Interviews - Tuesday 9th February 2010

Successful candidates will be notified by Friday 5th February 2010.

For an application form and further details please contact Mrs V Wilkes, Office Manager on 01767 318123. To discuss specific details of this role please contact Mrs C McGuckian, Deputy Headteacher Care, Guidance & Support.

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For informal enquiries please contact Linda Watts on 01908 363070.

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Interview date for Care Worker: 4 February 2010.

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Interviews: Wednesday 3rd February 2010
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A willingness to take an active part in the life of the School is essential and ability to coach games, especially one of the School's major sports, would be an advantage.

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MATHEMATICS TEACHER
Required for September, 2010

A Mathematics Teacher is required for September, 2010; applications from NQTs are welcome. The successful candidate will be well qualified, keen and enthusiastic and will join a team of dedicated teachers.

Ability to teach 'A' Level Mathematics will be an advantage but not essential.

A laptop computer will be made available to the successful candidate.

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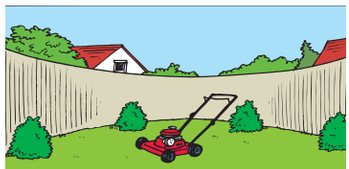

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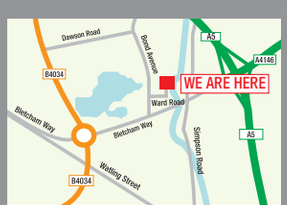

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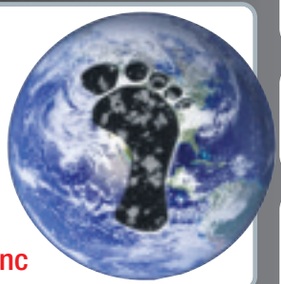

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O'Hanlon is hoping to be back playing this season

Four days each week in the gym could see Dons defender back in training by March

BY SIMONE CORGAN
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SEAN O'Hanlon has spent almost nine months on the sidelines and says the thought of playing this season is keeping his spirits high.

O'Hanlon spends four days a week in the gym to strengthen his knee after a torn ligament in April ended his 2008/09 season all too early.

But all the rehabilitation and months with the club's physios will all be worthwhile when O'Hanlon pulls the MK Dons shirt back on.

Speaking to MK NEWS, the Dons defender said: "This year the goal is to try and play this season at some point - that keeps me going. If I work hard hopefully in March I can be back training and challenging for a place.

"It's difficult, the goal of playing this season is what keeps me going really. If I didn't have a goal then it would be very hard, but in the back of my mind I want to play this season."

The former Everton-trainee had arguably been in the best form of his career. He had formed a solid partnership with Danny Swailes during the Dons' double winning season under Paul Ince in 2008.

Then he became the heart of Roberto Di Matteo's back line last year, only to be robbed of the chance to help in their play-off campaign.

The injury happened 20 minutes into the Dons' 1-0 defeat to Walsall, which ultimately cost them automatic promotion, at the time it looked like an innocuous knock to the knee.

But 10 minutes later when the Dons vice-captain limped off the fans knew it must have been serious.

O'Hanlon was so desperate to make the play-offs he decided to try to strength the muscle around his knee, risking the ligament snapping completely because it was 'hanging on by a thread', but eventually it became obvious he would miss out.

So the defender was forced to watch the penalty defeat to Scunthorpe from the stands which he points to being the most painful part of the injury.

"It was a long hard season," O'Hanlon said, "you'd rather miss the start of the season than the business end. It was disappointing to put in all that hard work during the season only to sit in the stands. To watch us lose on penalties was heartbreaking. I've just had to deal with it."

He underwent surgery on July, 1 and has spend most of his months on the physio table with Jude Stirling who managed to make the days more enjoyable.

O'Hanlon, voted Football Writers Player of the Year, MKDSA Player of the Year and named in the Professional Footballers' Association's League One Team of the Year in 2008, says he looks up to fellow defender Swailes who spent a year out of action due to Achilles surgery.

He said: "It's hard you have good days, bad days sometimes you just can't be bothered. You look at Danny Swailes he did 12 months rehab and he's back playing now so I look up to Swaz, if he can get back playing I know I'll eventually get back playing at some point."

And you can't help but think O'Hanlon is counting down the days until he kicks a football in a competitive match again, rather than training with medicine balls.

'This year the goal is to try and play this season at some point – that keeps me going': Sean O'hanlon on his fight back to fitness after tearing a knee ligament in the game against Walsall in April 2009

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		HOME						AWAY							
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	Leeds United	24	9	4	0	26	8	8	2	1	20	6	32	57
2	Norwich	25	10	2	1	34	14	5	4	3	20	14	26	51
3	Charlton	24	8	4	0	28	14	5	5	2	18	13	19	48
4	Colchester	23	9	1	1	20	8	4	5	3	19	13	18	45
5	Huddersfield	23	9	3	0	34	8	2	2	7	12	20	18	38
6	Swindon	22	6	4	1	16	11	4	4	3	15	18	2	38
7	Millwall	24	8	3	1	22	9	1	6	5	13	19	7	36
8	MK Dons	24	6	2	4	20	15	5	1	6	13	18	0	36
9	Bristol Rovers	23	7	1	3	16	12	4	0	8	16	24	-4	34
10	Walsall	22	4	5	2	19	13	4	2	5	13	16	3	31
11	Hartlepool	24	5	3	4	14	12	3	3	6	18	21	-1	30
12	Brentford	24	4	6	2	15	13	3	3	6	7	13	-4	30
13	Southend	24	5	3	4	15	15	3	2	7	13	17	-4	29
14	Southampton	24	6	4	2	23	13	4	4	4	19	16	13	28
15	Yeovil	24	5	5	2	24	16	1	5	6	9	19	-2	28
16	Carlisle	22	5	1	5	14	13	2	6	3	14	17	-2	28
17	Gillingham	24	7	3	2	20	7	0	2	10	9	27	-5	26
18	Exeter	25	4	6	2	16	11	2	2	9	11	27	-11	26
19	Oldham	23	3	4	4	11	14	3	3	6	9	15	-9	25
20	Brighton	24	2	2	8	11	21	4	4	4	19	22	-13	24
21	Leyton Orient	24	4	3	5	17	17	2	3	7	11	24	-13	24
22	Tranmere	23	5	2	5	15	17	1	1	9	6	26	-22	21
23	Wycombe	26	3	3	7	13	19	1	4	8	12	28	-22	19
24	Stockport	23	1	2	8	11	26	2	3	7	10	21	-26	14

FIXTURES 2009-10

DONS' SCORE FIRST

August
08 Hartlepool (H) 0-0
11 Swindon (Carling Cup) (H) 1-4
15 Swindon (A) 0-0
18 Tranmere (A) 1-0
22 Colchester (H) 2-1
29 Exeter (A) 2-1

September
02 Dagenham & Redbridge (JPT) (H) 3-1
05 Huddersfield (H) 2-3
14 Norwich (H) 2-1
19 Wycombe (A) 1-0
26 Leeds (H) 0-1
29 Oldham (A) 1-2

October
03 Brighton (A) 1-0
06 Southend (JPT) (H) 2-0
10 Walsall (H) 1-0
17 Gillingham (H) 2-0
24 Southampton (A) 1-3
31 Bristol Rovers (H) 2-1

November
07 Macclesfield (FA Cup) (H) 1-0
10 Northampton (JPT) (H) 3-1
14 Charlton (A) 1-5
20 Southend (A) 1-2
24 Carlisle (H) 3-4
28 Exeter (FA Cup) (H) 4-3

December
01 Millwall (A) 2-3
05 Yeovil (H) 2-2
12 Leyton Orient (A) 2-1
15 Hereford (JPT) (A) 4-1
19 Brentford (H) 0-1
26 Stockport (H) 4-1
28 Huddersfield (A) 0-1

January
02 Burnley (FA Cup) (H) 1-2
09 Swindon (H) PP
16 Hartlepool (A)
20 Soton (JPT) (H)
23 Tranmere (H)
30 Exeter (H)

February
06 Stockport (A)
09 Soton (JPT) (A)
13 Carlisle (A)
20 Southend (H)
23 Millwall (H)
27 Yeovil (A)

March
06 Leyton Orient (H)
13 Brentford (A)
20 Southampton (H)
27 Gillingham (A)

April
03 Charlton (H)
05 Bristol Rovers (A)
10 Norwich (A)
13 Oldham (H)
17 Wycombe (H)
24 Leeds (A)

May
01 Brighton (H)
08 Walsall (A)

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VIEW FROM THE MOOCAMP

Double-clubbers in action

TEAMS from the Milton Keynes Double Club programme put their numerical know-how to the test when they took part in a World Cup Numeracy Challenge at stadiummk.

MK Dons Double-clubbers from Leon School and Sports College and The Radcliffe School were joined by a team from Arsenal.

A range of World Cup themed practical activities took place around the MK Dons stadium and the challenge culminated in a football tournament between all the teams in the indoor dome at Woughton.

Double Club is a learning initiative that has been brought to Milton Keynes by the MK Dons Sport and Education Trust and Milton Keynes Council Extended Services in partnership the Department for Children Schools and Families.

Log on to www.mk-news.co.uk to view Paul Mitchell's blog from the Double Club session.

No Swindon date

THE postponed match between MK Dons and Swindon Town, which was due to take place last Saturday, has not yet been rescheduled. All tickets purchased for the game will be valid for the rearranged fixture.

Ince admits charge

PAUL Ince has admitted a charge of improper conduct from the Football Association.

The Dons boss was handed the charge last week which relates to an incident that took place during the League One match at Huddersfield Town on Monday, December 28.

A Regulatory Commission will now hear the case by or before 18th January, 2010.

The club were also handed a charge by the FA for failure to ensure players conducted themselves in an orderly fashion and/or refrained from provocative behaviour.

The charge also relates to an incident that took place at the Galpharm Stadium.

They have until Tuesday, January to respond.

■ INCE also laughed off reports linking him to the Burnley managerial post.

The former England midfielder's name has been listed alongside Brian Laws, Sean O'Driscoll and Lee Clark as potential candidates to take over from Owen Coyle.

But Ince, who left the Dons for the Clarets' fierce rivals Blackburn Rovers in 2008, distanced himself from the rumours.

COMING UP

HARTLEPOOL UNITED
League One
Saturday, January 16
Victoria Park KO 3pm

ADVERSE weather has meant these two sides will have enjoyed a 14-day break by the time they kick-off on Saturday.

The unexpected interruption to the fixtures may have been just what the doctor ordered for the Dons after a hectic festive period. When the teams met on the opening day they shared a far from memorable goalless draw.

Hartlepool are without defender Peter Hartley who serves the first of a three-match ban following his dismissal in their League One win over Oldham.

Pools' will be hoping former striker Jermaine Easter does not return to Victoria Park to haunt them. The Wales international spent three years at the club but only managed 27 appearances.

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More action from MK Lions' inaugural game at thecentre:mk

Far left: EJ Harrison goes up for a basket during the second period

Left: Lions captain Dru Spinks leaves two Essex defenders on the ground as he hits a first-period basket

Pictures Andy Handley

Lightning's lead cut to two

ICE HOCKEY

SLOUGH Jets have cut MK Lightning's lead at the summit of the English Ice Hockey Premier League to just two points.

The Jets beat Lightning 4-2 at Planet Ice to move into second place and they have the added bonus of a game in hand.

Ryan Watt, with his first goal for the team, put Slough ahead with 4.21 on the clock but Lightning's player-coach Nick Poole converted a powerplay to make it 1-1 on 17.07.

Although the scores were level it was Lightning that were edging ever closer to the next goal as they bombarded Lightning net minder Barry Hollyhead with 23 shots in the second period.

But Lightning showed plenty of resolve as they kept the score at one apiece.

Both sides made up for a scoreless period with a flurry of activity in the final 20 minutes.

And it was Lightning who thought they had the impetus to go on and win the match when they went 2-1 ahead on 43.08 with Leigh Jamieson netting.

However, that lead was to be short lived because Slough found an equaliser less than a minute later through Blaz Emersic.

Then on 46.18 Joe Greener fired the Jets back in front with a solo effort before Slava Koulikov took advantage of Lightning's empty net by adding a fourth when just a second remained on the clock.

Lightning could have moved four points clear on Sunday but their game at Bassingstoke Bison was postponed late that morning due to spectators' safety reaching travelling to the match.

A date for the rearranged fixture has not yet been announced but tickets already purchased will be valid for the new date.

Last week's match against Peterborough Phantoms is set to take place tonight at Planet Ice.

The Planet Ice Shield clash was cancelled last Wednesday due to the weather conditions.

Meanwhile, Lightning's fans favourite Joakim Wiklander has re-joined the club as temporary cover while Finnish forward Andre Smulter recovers from a fractured jaw.

The 25-year-old forward will team up with Monir Kalgoum to spearhead the team's attack in the coming weeks before returning to Sweden to rejoin this current club.

LIGHTNING are due to host Peterborough Phantoms tonight (Wednesday) at Planet Ice face-off 7.30pm, on Saturday they travel to Slough Jets, face-off 6.30pm, and on Sunday they are at home to Bracknell Bees, face-off 5.30pm.

Leigh Jamieson on the puck against Slough Picture Jez Tibbetts

SPORTSSHORTS

Badminton pair wait

ENGLAND'S badminton players have been handed a tough draw in the BWF World Super Series action this week.

In the men's doubles last year's Singapore Open winners and world number 10 pair Nathan Robertson and Anthony Clark join Adcock and Blair in the draw.

Seventh seeds Clark and Robertson await a pair from the qualifying in the first round while Chris Adcock and Robert Blair face Malaysia's Chan Chong Ming and Chew Choon Eng.

The Korean and Malaysian events are the last only Super Series events before the Yonex All England Championships and the 100th staging of the world's oldest tournament from March 9-14.

Racing falls to weather

RACING at Towcester tomorrow has been abandoned due to the continued adverse weather conditions.

Owners of the track called for an inspection at 10am on Monday to make a decision as early as possible.

However, the combination of snow and a frozen track forced the racecourse to cancel its jumps meeting.

The next planned meeting at Towcester Racecourse is on Sunday, January 24.

The races are scheduled to take place from 1.50pm to 4.20pm.

Birthday boy down

WOBURN golfer Ian Poulter celebrated his birthday on Sunday but also lost a place in the world rankings.

Poulter, who turned 34, has fallen to 12th place while Tiger Woods, currently taking a break from the sport, remains top.

Kenny Perry, Poulter, Sergio Garcia and Martin Kaymer each fell one spot to positions 11-14 while Sean O'Hair stayed 15th.

Top ten golfers: Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Steve Stricker, Lee Westwood, Jim Furyk, Padraig Harrington, Henrik Stenson, Paul Casey, Geoff Ogilvy, Rory McIlroy.

Korfball invitation

ALL four adult korfball clubs in MK are looking to recruit new players at all levels from absolute beginner to the most experienced.

The fast-growing sport is similar to basketball, netball and handball but played by mixed-sex teams, and is ideal for all men and women looking to take up a new sport or on a New Years fitness drive.

Each club trains on a different night of the week from Monday to Thursday, and offers newcomers their first two sessions for free.

All clubs also play matches in the local South Midlands league.

For more information and club details see www.korfballinmk.co.uk

MOTOR RACING

Vettel tipped for 2010 title

FORMULA One chief Bernie Ecclestone has tipped Sebastian Vettel to win this years title.

That is despite seven-time world champion Michael Schumacher coming out of retirement to drive for Mercedes, who rebranded from Brawn GP in the winter.

Vettel, in his first season with Red Bull Racing, narrowly missed out on the championship last year to Jenson Button.

But now Button has made the switch to McLaren, where he joins fellow Englishman Lewis Hamilton, Ecclestone believes the title is there for the taking.

"I'm saying it well in advance, but for me, Sebastian Vettel will be the next world champion.

"Michael Schumacher will have many rivals such as (Lewis) Hamilton, (Fernando) Alonso and above all Vettel," Ecclestone told German newspaper the daily Bild.

Vettel, 22, notched up four wins in the 2009 season, and with an array of stars on the grid Ecclestone reckons F1 stars should expect one of the most exciting seasons the sport has seen.

He said: "Next season there will be four former world champions on the starting grid with Alonso, Hamilton, (Jenson) Button and Schumacher. I don't remember the last time we had such a line-up.

"Of course Schumacher can claim an eighth world title, but five other drivers can target this title. In the end it will come to the one with the best car."

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Lightning slip to Slough – see page 79

Sam signs new deal

SAM Baldock has penned a new three-and-a-half year deal and has vowed to create history for MK Dons.

The striker's current contract was due to expire in the summer but the club, who were able to take up an extra year-option on Baldock's deal in June if they wanted, acted quickly to secure his services.

Baldock, 20, says as far as he is aware there had been no interest from other clubs and he was more than happy to put pen to paper at stadiummk yesterday.

He said: "I'm really pleased to have signed it, my current contract was coming to an end at the close of the season so I wanted to commit myself to the club.

"We've been talking about it for a few weeks but I'm delighted to finally put pen to paper.

"Now I've signed it's a real relief, and it's time to kick on and start to make some history in the next three and a half years.

"I've never looked any further than this club, the chairman's been brilliant with me, all the coaching staff, I've had the support of everyone in the club.

"It gives me a chance to think about my future in and around Milton Keynes."

The Dons academy product, who believes his 'young prospect' tag has finally disappeared now he is in his second full season with the first team, wants to start by helping the club reach their second Wembley final in three years.

A two-legged tie with Southampton is all that is between the Dons and the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final.

Should Wembley once again call Baldock wants to be in the starting line-up after his late substitute appearance last time round.

Baldock was quick to recognise the support the fans have given him during his time at the Dons: "The fans have been brilliant to me, every time I come out to warm up I hear my catchy song. They're really behind me and I'm hoping to repay the fans through the next three and a half years."

■ The Dons are hoping to tie up the loan deals of two Premier League midfield starlets, who have both enjoyed loan spells outside the top flight, in the coming days.

Shopportunity knocks for Lions

MK Lions 95
Essex Pirates 73

BBL Trophy

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MK Lions began life in their new shopping centre home with a 95-73 win over Essex Pirates.

The victory saw the Lions progress through to the quarter-finals of the BBL Trophy, where they will meet either Plymouth Raiders or Worcester Wolves, in front of a whole new set of fans.

Shoppers turned into spectators as Lions moved into Middleton Hall, where they will play nine more home games, before they set up home at arenamk next season.

There was an exhibition feeling surrounding the match with Lions star Guy Dupuy entertaining the full house with a spectacular slam dunk over a motorbike prior to tip-off.

A brass band, an opera singer and a new Lions mascot also entertained the crowd, which included MK Dons players Willy Gueret and Mathias Doumbe.

In his programme notes head coach and owner Vince Macaulay stressed the importance of Lions temporary move to thecentre:mk.

He said: "This is a very significant step in the continued development of the Lions into the top club in British basketball."

Pirates looked to be upsetting the fairy tale start for the Lions when they opened the scoring and stretched their lead to eight points, until Spinks and Mike New inspired a comeback to lead at the end of the first stanza by 23-19.

The Lions were more dominant in the second quarter as they went 12 points clear of their Essex counterparts, thanks to the likes of Yorick Williams and EJ Harrison bagging three-pointers.

Two time-outs, and a chance to regroup, allowed the Pirates to rally late on but the Lions carried a 46-35 advantage at half-time.

Lions bossed the game, with Williams starting the third quarter with two trebles, and the Pirates slowly fell away.

Macaulay's side held a strong 20-point lead heading into the final ten minutes and they never looked like losing.

Late in the game Lions went 28 points clear as Frank Holmes hit basket after basket to send the Lions through to the quarter finals.

Lions finished with three top scorers as Harrison, Holmes and Williams all totalled 19 points each and will be hoping they have attracted a new fan base .

Lions have a friendly at London Leopards this Friday, tip-off 7pm.

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